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The lyrics to that classic Dottie Rambo song have been coursing through my brain a lot in recent months. Maybe it's age, maybe it's just a phase in my life, or maybe it's a quiet comfort from above. Whatever the case, I've found myself using that very phrase when in deep discussion with some of my artist friends—not just on professional matters but on personal matters as well.

One thing I've learned in my 56 years is that while many people have the gift of encouragement, just as many have what I'll term as the "gift of discouragement." Some of those people are so effective at sharing their gift that I've seen many friends just throw up their hands and just want to walk away—justifiably, I might add. On a personal level, I've thrown my hands up so much that I've probably dislocated my shoulder dozens of times. But if we are truly called to be a part of Southern Gospel—or any ministry—we must realize that that discouragement is rooted in the forces of evil and we have to look beyond that discouragement. The Book of all books plainly shows the outcome of this journey we are on, and it is in that promise that we have to remember that there is indeed too much to gain to lose.

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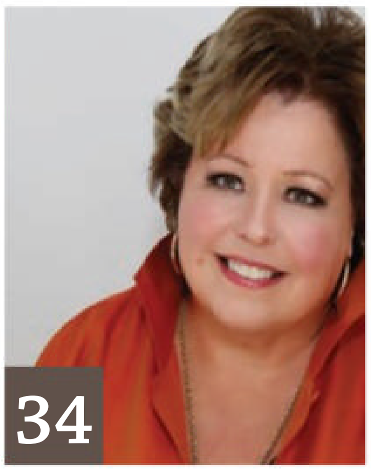
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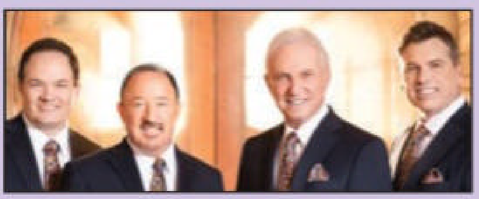
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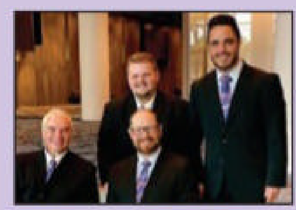
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On The Shoulders Of Giants

AMBER EPPINETTE SAUNDERS

It happened 40 years ago this spring, and I still remember it like yesterday. I was an 18-year-old college student living in Memphis, Tennessee, when I prayed with a television preacher to invite Jesus Christ into my life. It was the same night that I heard a Lanny Wolfe song which said of God, "I marvel just to know He really loves me." For the first time in my life, I understood 1 John 4:8, which tells us that "God is love."

My dear friend Amber Eppinette Saunders also understands firsthand how the Holy Spirit can work through a song to change a life forever. Growing up in Louisiana—the daughter of a pastor—Amber sensed the Lord calling her to sing at age 16, and shortly thereafter, she began to co-write songs with her father, Allan, for her new trio, 11th Hour. It was through a song she wrote, "Adam's Fall," for the group that Amber realized she was not a believer. "The song wasn't even recorded yet, but we sang it at a revival, and I was under so much conviction that I don't even remember what the sermon was about. I just know that when it was done, I headed to the altar and gave my heart to Jesus."

That was half a life ago for Amber, who—after co-writing six songs for her trio's 2010 debut release—did not write again until 2012 when she took an idea to Dianne Wilkinson ("We're Going Home," recorded by The Whisnants). The two would later pen "How Will You Plead," a Top Ten hit by 11th Hour.

It was Dianne who introduced me to Amber's music a decade ago. Since then, Amber and I have gone on to co-write many songs for her trio—including "Power In Prayer" with Don Poythress, as well as "He Welcomes The Beggar," "I'd Like To Meet The Preacher," "Love Don't," "Whosoever Will," and "I Know It's Mine" with Jason Cox. We also co-wrote "Smell Of Smoke" (The Martins) and "Ever-Present, Almighty God"—the first radio single from a collaboration with Lauren Talley, Amber, and me for an upcoming Crossroads Label Group project.

AMBER EPPINETTE SAUNDERS

I think what I love about Amber the most is that she is a true "communicator" of the Gospel—whether she is singing on stage or crafting songs such as "He Still Does" (with Nathan Woodard and Hunter Leath), "A Lot With A Little" (with Nathan and Jaquita Lindsey), and "Letters To Heaven" (with Nathan and Garrett Saunders, Amber's husband). She well recalls a service last year when—in the middle of a song—a gentleman under conviction made his way to the altar. That kind of response to the Gospel is why Amber sings and writes songs. "I know firsthand that God can use Gospel music to change a heart," she shares, "because I still remember when the person He changed was me." |sn

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Lasting Impressions

WILL LANE

This month, I want to celebrate a milestone for one of the best bass vocalists in our industry today: Will Lane of The Mark Trammell Quartet is celebrating 20 years of traveling and singing Gospel music. I am blessed to travel with some great guys, and Will has become a great addition to our family. From his first day on our bus, Will brought an infectious joy and zeal for life. He truly loves this music, and I count it an honor to travel with him.

This month, I have asked Will to share a little bit about some of the people who have left a lasting impression on him …

I am blessed to say that I am celebrating 20 years of God's call on my life. And that calling is to travel, sing, and share God's wonderful message through song. I grew up in Salisbury, North Carolina, and at the age of 16, I accepted Christ as my personal savior in a revival in my home state. Mike Holcomb, the former bass vocalist for The Inspirations Quartet, was preaching at that revival.

WILL LANE

About a year later, my voice dropped from a lead range to a bass range. I had always been interested in singing, but now I really wanted to learn more about singing in general. I was told by multiple friends that I should consider attending The Steve Hurst School of Music in Nashville, Tennessee. So, I did. It was a tremendous experience, and I learned so much from that wonderful school. All I can say about Steve Hurst is everyone loves this wonderful man of God!

During that school, I had an opportunity to see Gold City for the first time. I immediately fell in love with Tim Riley and his deep bass voice. From that night forward, Tim has remained one of my heroes in this music.

Attending that school confirmed the desire that I had in my heart that singing is what I wanted to do with my life. I have been blessed to share the stage with so many different vocalists during the past 20 years, and my time with The Anchormen, The LeFevre Quartet, and now, The Mark Trammell Quartet, are days I wouldn't trade for anything. I'll always treasure, and I'll always be grateful for the lasting impressions that this music and its people have made on my life.

Allow me to also mention my wife, Misti, and my kids Lilli, Kaison, Macei (and Baby Lane who is on the way!) for their support as I travel. I couldn't do this without them! Their willingness to allow me to sing also creates a deep, lasting impression within me.

I'm living proof of the words found in Psalm 37:4: *Delight yourself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

Thank you, Will, for sharing. If you've not already met Will, make sure you do that when we're in your area! |sn

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Few would imagine that a simple fishing trip and a little music by the campfire would begin a powerful legacy that would last a half-century. However, this is what happened in 1973, when two sets of brothers, Larry and Reagan Riddle, and Furman and Norman Wilson, ventured to Fontana Lake in the western mountains of North Carolina. Accompanying themselves with a guitar and a mandolin, they discovered their innate abilities with four-part harmony. They soon began singing in local churches and The Riddle-Wilson Quartet was born.

Changes soon took place, as Furman Wilson responded to the call to preach, and younger brother Mike Riddle joined the quartet. The demand became so great that they entered full-time music ministry in 1978, rebranding themselves as The Primitive Quartet. The Primitives' style of singing utilized basic harmony, augmented by their beautiful, precision musicianship. Other world-class pickers added to the group during the 1980s included Bruce Penland, Tim Chandler, and Charlie Chandler. Songs including (but not limited to) "Silver And Gold," "Because He Loved Me," "Fallen Leaves," "Gloryland," and "My Hope Is In The Blood" became Gospel standards.

In the ever-changing world of Gospel music, The Primitives not only provided stability with their style, but in their personnel as well. In 1986, tenor vocalist and upright bass player Randy Fox joined the group. Jeff Tolbert, after more than 25 years of service, remains their newest member.

The quality and success found in their music, their annual concerts in Hominy Valley, and their songwriting has only been superseded by their genuine, Godly sincerity, which will remain the hallmark of their legacy. The Primitives have never employed stage acrobatics, wild humor, or soaring vocal harmonies in their programs. They were simply themselves, utilizing their God-given abilities and communicating the gospel in a manner that was traditional and even "old-timey," all the while remaining refreshing and relevant to all ages.

Even as some of the men of The Primitives plan to leave the full-time music scene, they all desire to remain active in their community and home church. Maybe their most effective days even still remain ahead of them.

Thank you, Primitives, for taking that fishing trip 50 years ago. God brought forth an anointing upon you that will be felt for generations to come. |sn

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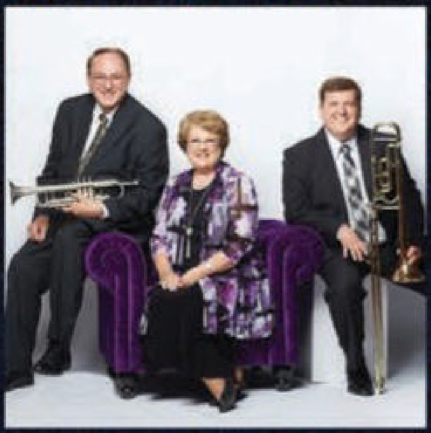

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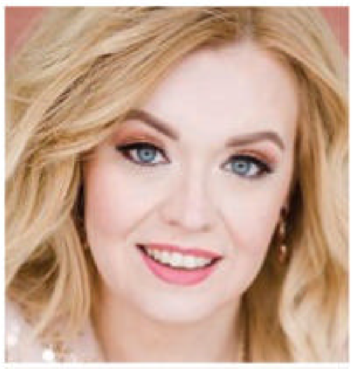

LAUREN TALLEY

The Timothy Chronicles

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. —2 Timothy 2:4

One of my favorite episodes of *The Andy Griffith Show* is the one in which Gomer Pyle joins the United States Marine Corps. It's still hilarious to me every time to watch a naive, goofy, small-town man be thrown into a world he knows nothing about. If you've seen the show, you recall the moment when Gomer's commanding officer, Sergeant Carter, is introducing recruits to the ways of the Marines: "I am your mama and your papa. I will be your whole world from now on!" Gomer turns to the guy next to him and exclaims with all the wide-eyed amazement of a child, "Ain't he wonderful?"

Those who have served in battle know that anything less than laser-like focus on the battlefield is unacceptable. Those enlisted in the fight must give themselves completely to the task at hand-no other allegiances, no higher priorities. The commander's word is law, and nothing else matters.

Those of us in ministry are also in a fight, whether we signed on for it or not. The culture has declared war on Christianity, and some who profess to be Christians have set themselves against each other. It's very easy to succumb to the temptation to go along, to get along, to try to please everyone, to aim for the approval of others, to live a a lukewarm existence, and try not to get caught in the crosshairs of our ultimate enemy.

But a soldier does not run away from the fight.

To my fellow singers, I implore you: every time you hold the mic in your hand, give the people truth. Entertainment certainly has its place, and no one likes a good time more than I do, but don't squander an opportunity to give substance and depth. Tell us about your journey. Tell us what God is teaching you. Tell us how you're making it through. I do not use this expression lightly, but literally: For God's sake, study the Word and use it as fuel for your time on stage.

Pastors and teachers, hold the Word of God high in your pulpit, and never waver from your dedication to the truth of Scripture. We don't need any more cliches. We don't need hot-button triggers that you know will whip the crowd into a frenzy.

We need the truth of God's Word. That's the only thing that changes lives. We can play on people's emotions, but the Scripture is the only thing that rightly divides soul and spirit. It's the only weapon with 100 percent accuracy.

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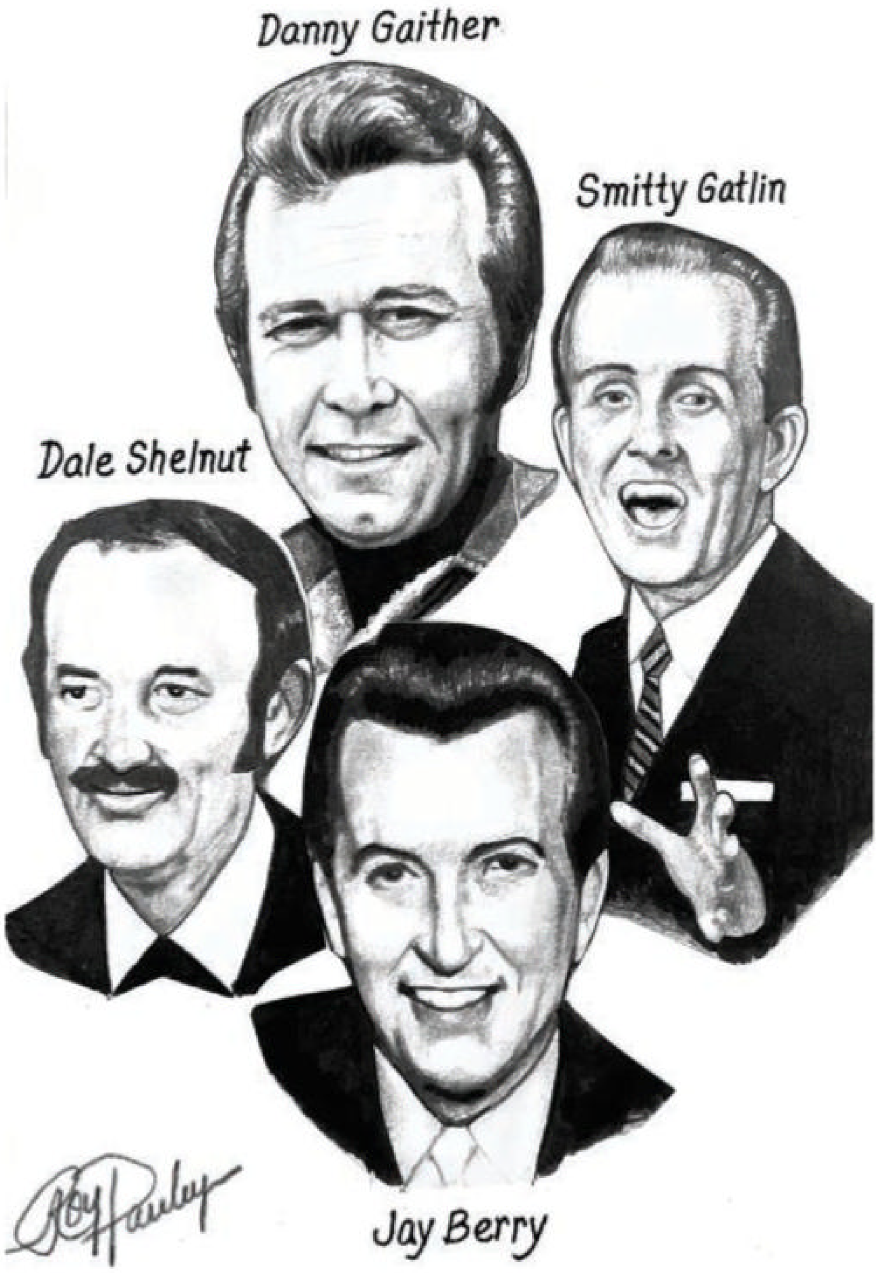


One of the most coveted positions ever was that of lead singer with The Statesmen Quartet. When Jake Hess left in 1963 to form The Imperials, Hovie made a great decision when he hired Jack Toney to replace Jake.

But if there was never a Jack Toney, what lead singers of that era would have been a perfect fit for that iconic quartet? Along with a bit of a history lesson, I thought Statesmen enthusiasts would find it interesting if I would share with you a few names who I feel could have stepped in at the lead spot and The Statesmen wouldn't have missed a beat.

The first name I submit is Jay Berry, who helped Ed Hill form The Prophets Quartet in 1959. Jay stayed there until about 1962, when he joined The Rebels. He was there for about two years, and then he was sadly never heard from again. But Jay had a strong lead voice and was a skilled song stylist. He also had a "Statesmen look" about him.

The legendary Dale Shelnut would have been a great fit with Hovie and the guys in 1963. At this point, Dale had just come to The Dixie Echoes from The Tennesseans. Dale would have given The Statesmen some showmanship and some powerful and dynamic vocals. Even though Dale did not have the full head of hair that Hovie would have preferred, he did have a professional look and carried himself with confidence.

Smitty Gatlin is my next name. With his range and his song stylings, I feel Smitty would have made a fine Statesman. As a matter of fact, Hovie offered that lead position to Smitty in 1963, but Smitty informed Hovie he felt obligated to stick with The Oak Ridge Boys as they were riding high at the time.

The last name I present to you is the man who would have been the absolutely perfect replacement for Jake Hess. That man is the late Danny Gaither. At this juncture, Danny had left Jim Hill and The Golden Keys Quartet after a brief stint to join Bill and Gloria, rounding out The Bill Gaither Trio. Danny was a song stylist with the voice flexibility which would have enabled him to do whatever The Statesmen needed. He had the look, too, which Hovie was fussy about. A perfect fit indeed.

Yes, during this era of Gospel music, most eyes were on Hovie and the boys. When talent was evaluated in the 1950s and 1960s, the question was often asked, "Is he Statesmen material?" These four men were definitely Statesmen material! I trust you've enjoyed this little bit of history and these interesting thoughts.

See you next time. |sn

MARK BISHOP

Mark's Americana Corner

NO NOISE; JUST GOOD STUFF

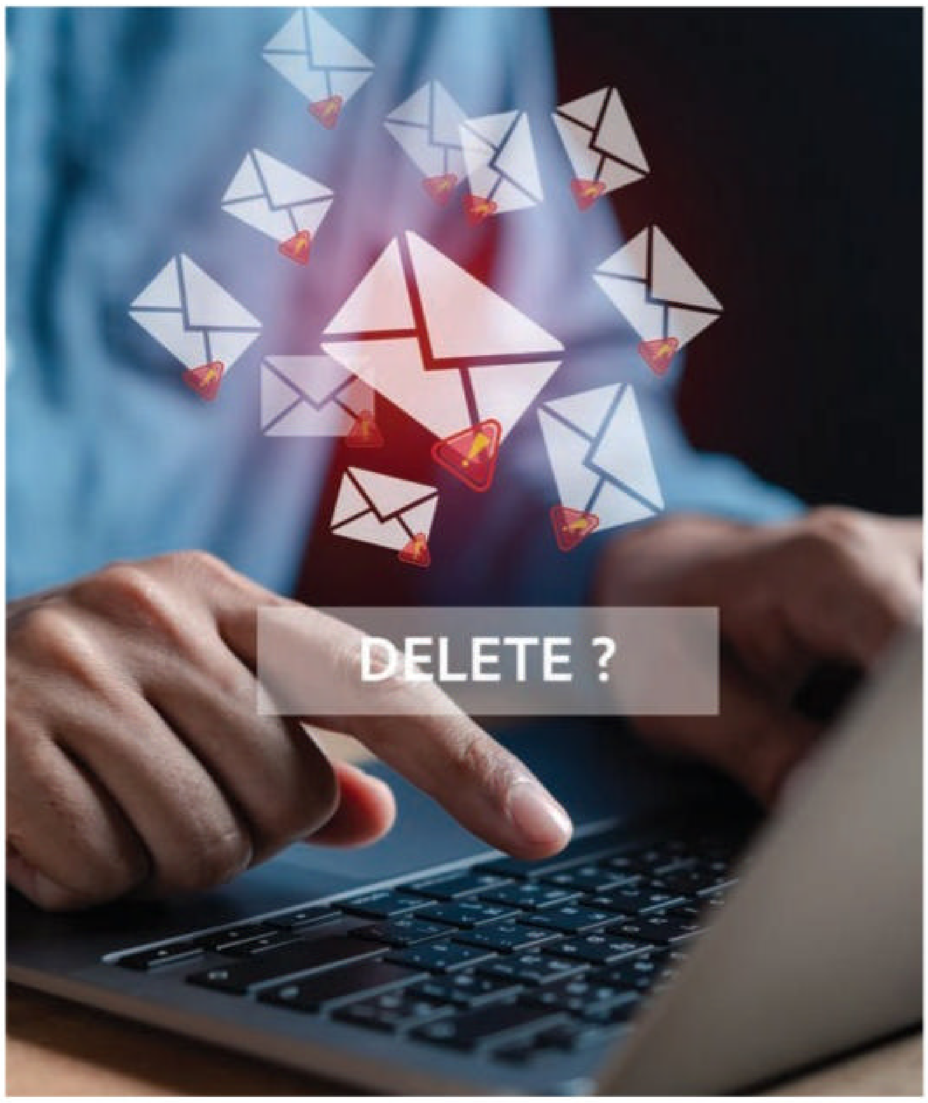
I've gotten pretty good at deleting emails. Every day my inbox is flooded with so much "junk" that I've gotten pretty quick at deciphering what I need to keep and what I can safely discard. When I sit down at my desk and open up the program, there may be 50 emails that pop up. Out of that, maybe three or four are something I really need.

We live in a world that bombards us with "junk" messages every day. It might be the entertainment we watch or listen to. It might be the social media we consume. It might be the gossip we hear and partake in at the barber shop, at work, or even at church when the service is over. It might be the memes we send to each other over our phones.

And then there are the things that we do that actually bring value to our lives. Out of all those emails, a few of them help me to move my workday forward toward a goal. Some of our discourse on social media may be an encouragement to the people we interact with. If it lifts someone up, it's not wasted time. Not all of our conversations are gossip. We hear the problems in our friends' lives, and we can console them and pray with them. And sometimes a funny meme can break the stress we're feeling.

When you read the Bible, you'll notice that there isn't much inert material to be found. Even those genealogies serve a purpose. When we open up God's word, we see that He is there on every page to do business. In the book of Luke, Jesus said that He must go about His Father's business. He's letting us know that amidst the noise, there is work to be done.

Get good at "deleting" the noise of the world, just like you delete those emails. And only keep the good stuff.



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SGMA SPOTLIGHT

BY TRAVIS BRIDGEMAN, SGMA

GRAND OPENING, PART 2

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new SGMA Hall of Fame & Museum on September 26, 2022.

Since 1999, the SGMA has commemorated the anniversary of the grand opening of our first museum on April 17. We now have a new day to celebrate. On September 26, 2022, our new museum was dedicated inside the Biblical Times Theater complex in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Like the first grand opening, there were many SGMA Hall of Fame inductees present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was held in front of the "Hall of Fame" wall. President Arthur Rice thanked everyone and led the attendees in singing the "Doxology." After I had the honor of offering the dedication prayer, Mr. Maurice Templeton, SGMA founder, former president, and Hall of Fame inductee, cut the ribbon to the applause of those crowded around to watch. Visibly moved, Mr. Templeton recalled the work of J.D. Sumner and Jerry Kirksey in opening the first museum. He then commended our Executive Director, Tammy Rice, saying if not for her, the new museum would still be in storage. He then thanked the Board of Directors present for their work, saying, "These are the people that have done it!"

President Arthur Rice said, "We are excited and grateful to the Lord for the blessing of a new home for the SGMA Hall of Fame & Museum. The entire team at Biblical Times has been an absolute joy to work with. We believe this joint venture will not only carry on the history and future of our music, but the message of Christ to many. We are excited about the future!"

We thank WATC-TV and Vice President Patricia Mathis for documenting this historic event. Their video, which includes several interviews and the ribbon-cutting ceremony, may be seen on our website, www.sgma.org. We are located at 2391 Parkway in Pigeon Forge, and open every day except Sunday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We hope we will see you soon! | sn

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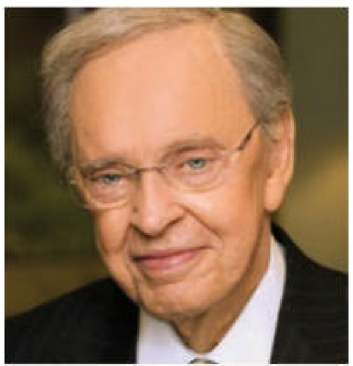

DR. CHARLES STANLEY

In Touch With Your Life

WHY DO PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS?

When Jesus walked this earth, a vast multitude followed Him. They came for all sorts of reasons—some noble, some selfish. The same is true today. It's important that we understand what motivates people to come to Christ, because not all who seek Him are really His followers. In fact, we each need to analyze our own walk with the Lord: What do we want from Him? How committed are we to being His disciples?

Many of the people who followed Jesus did so because they had urgent needs that He alone could meet. Everywhere He went, the sick and demon-possessed were brought to Him—this is one of the ways that God draws us to Himself. Those who can solve all their own problems never need a Savior.

Other folks came for sensationalism. They wanted to see the signs and miracles and feel a thrill of excitement. Today some people come to church or conferences to get pumped up, but mountaintop experiences are always followed by valleys. When hardships or challenges come, such people are quick to abandon the Lord.

> *Are you more interested in what Jesus can do for you than in just being with Him?*

But Jesus' disciples followed Him because they genuinely believed He was the Messiah, the very Son of God. Their commitment went beyond emotions or needs. They wanted to know Christ and walk closely with Him.

Are you more interested in what Jesus can do for you than in just being with Him? Do you find it hard to stay committed without an emotional experience to sustain you? Our physical and emotional needs can draw us to the Lord, but they should never be the foundation for our walk with Him.

For more biblical teaching and resources from Dr. Charles Stanley, please visit www.intouch.org. **|sn**

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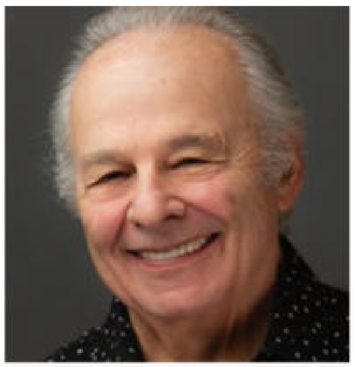


NICK BRUNO

The Gospel Music Truth

THE MINISTRY OF "HELPS"

I recently got an email from a singing group, thanking me for my ministry of "Helps." The email closed with, "Thank you, Mr. Bruno, your ministry of "Helps" has taught us much and set us on the right path."

Needless to say, this email was a blessing to me, but it also got me to thinking: what exactly is the ministry of "Helps?"

The ministry of "Helps" is scriptural. It is specifically mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:28: And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. The Greek definition for the word "helps" used in this verse is rendering practical aid and support. I never thought of what I do as the ministry of "Helps," but I see now why this group was thanking me—for "rendering practical aid and support" to their ministry.

In Southern Gospel music, we are blessed to have many successful artists. We are also blessed to have many aspiring artists. I believe it is important for the successful artists to understand that along with their success comes the responsibility of mentoring and "rendering practical aid and support" to the aspiring artists.

I often think back to the day many years ago when, as a member of The Keystone Quartet, I asked for help from a musician for whom I had much respect and admiration, and was rejected. I resolved right then and there to never do that to anyone who asked for help from me.

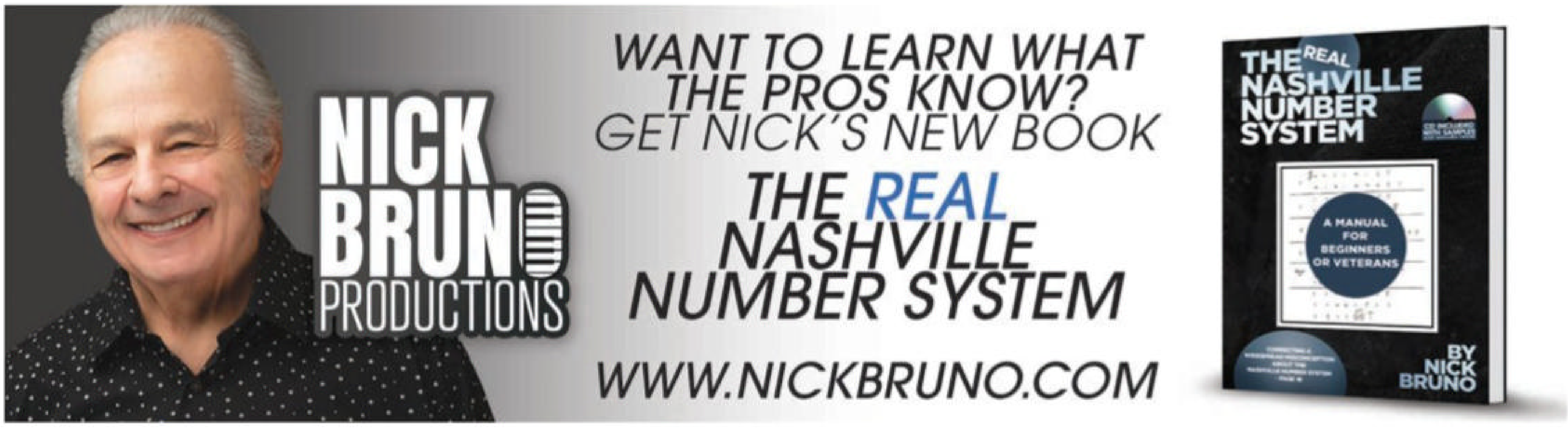
Let's remember that we're all in this together. We win as a team! We can also lose as a team. If you have an opportunity to pass on some useful information, do it! If a fellow Southern Gospel music artist asks for help, give it! You'll be blessed because of it!

I guess, when it's all said and done, the songwriter was right when she wrote:

If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,

If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain

If you need help with this, email me and let me know: *brunoproductions@comcast.net*.



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Let Me Tell You About My Church

GENE McDONALD

One of the most talented bass vocalists in Gospel music is Gene McDonald. Many of you remember Gene from his days with The Florida Boys. Now, he is a regular on Bill Gaither's Homecoming concerts and recordings. Let's visit with Gene ...

Gene, tell us about the church your family attends.

My family and I attend Liberty Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee. Jerry Willoughby is our pastor, and our music director is my wife, Teri.

How has that church been an influence in your ministry?

My home church has taught me how to concentrate on God's Word more, and they have helped me with my stewardship of telling others about Jesus.

Our Sunday evening program is called "Gather." This is when we come together and talk about how to lead people to Christ. We are learning the books of the Bible while helping each other become more confident in leading others to Christ.

Are there any other ministries in your church that really stand out to you?

We do visitation every other Thursday night. We also have a men's ministry and a women's ministry. The men's ministry is special to me because we come together and really share our hearts with one another. It is helping to tear down some walls as we grow in Christ.

Our son Macon is very involved in the kids' ministry. He is 16 years old now, and he has become a spiritual mentor to those kids. The kids' ministry is very special to our family because that is how we met our son, Bryshawn.

How involved are you able to be in your home church?

I am blessed to be home most weekends by six or seven on Sunday mornings, and you will find me in my home church on Sunday mornings. We are also very involved on Sunday nights. I also attend Wednesday nights if we are not leaving out on the road. I strive to be a good example to my kids of how important it is to be in your home church when the doors are open.

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How important is a church family to you?

It is very important that you have someone that you can talk to that looks at you with "face value" and they see who you really are. We all need that person that we can lean on and the best place to find that person is within your own church family.

GENE McDONALD

What would you say to someone who does not feel it is important to be a part of a local church?

Are you saved??! I do not see how you can say the local church is not important when the Bible says you need to stay strong in your faith and your convictions of what The Lord has done for you. If you are not involved in a local church because you feel it is not important, you need to remember how His Word talks about how iron sharpens iron. You cannot always be "the feeder"—you also need to be "fed." If you are not fed, you will fall to the wayside very quickly. I am living proof of that. | sn

Q&A FIVE QUESTIONS FOR

Jim Brady

BY RICK FRANCIS

1. What is your favorite place to eat while on the road?

I grew up in Texas, and I love Mexican food. I love Pappasito's Cantina—it's authentic Mexican food. However, they're not located in many states so I normally try to find a good local place and settle for that. If I'm in Florida, my favorite place to eat is Mom's house!

2. What is at the top of your "bucket list?"

I've been so blessed and have done much more than I really ever dreamed or imagined, but a big bucket list item just happened: I was able to purchase a Yamaha C5 Grand Piano for Melissa. She's always wanted one and it only took 30 years, but I finally pulled it off!

3. What was the best money you ever spent?

The $40.00 I spent on my marriage license—and it's cost me every dime I've made since! (Laughs) But I'm not complaining. It's clear to see how blessed I am!

4. If you could write a letter and mail it back to your "18-year-old self," what would it say?

It's easy to get caught up in looking forward or looking back and miss the blessing of this moment, right now. Enjoy the journey! It goes fast!

5. You are a co-writer of the No. 1 song this month, "Older People." How did the idea for that song come about?

After a concert, Rodney Griffin said to me, "I have an idea for a song," and shared some thoughts with me. Then he said, "Let's write it." I really loved the idea because I immediately began to think of my parents, as well as some wonderful people who have been an example of faithfulness to me. Rodney and I have written together many times and normally, we're in the same room together, bouncing ideas off of each other. This one was different. After Rodney mentioned this idea, I thought about it all the way home. As soon as I walked into my house, I picked up my guitar and started working on the idea. The next day, I sent him a little audio clip and he liked the direction of it, so we started working on it through FaceTime and email. It wasn't long after, we were on tour together and we found a room, backstage, and finished the song. Greater Vision does an amazing job on the song. I'm so thrilled to be a part of a message that honors a generation of people that should not be forgotten.

ED O'NEAL

All I Ever Wanted To Do Is Sing A Song

REALLY FAR AWAY

As many of you know, Rodney Griffin sang baritone for The Dixie Melody Boys before he joined Greater Vision. Rodney is one of those guys you just can't get mad at. Everyone on our bus loved him—even ol' Rayburn Lane, our driver.

Now, Rayburn is another person who just takes everything in stride. You can make him mad a lot quicker than you can Rodney. Then again, you can make everyone else in the world mad quicker than you can Rodney.

So, you can imagine my surprise the day when Rodney made Rayburn mad. I mean "take-him-out-behind-the-woodshed-mad."

We were in Jamesville, North Carolina, one very cloudy afternoon for an evening concert. When the guys would finish pulling equipment from each storage bay of the bus, they'd shut the bay door, just in case it started raining.

Rodney is one of those people who will jump in and help others when he gets done with his duties—and that's exactly what he did that day. Rodney was on the way back to the bus when he saw one bus door still open. Rodney being Rodney, just walked over and closed the door.

He didn't know Rayburn was in that storage bay—Rayburn was fixing the light (that comes on when you open the door) so that loading the bus that night would be easier.

About that time, one of the guys in the building came out and told Rodney he was needed for a sound check.

Rodney walked back into the building.

And there was Rayburn.

Still in that bus bay.

Did I mention there was no way to open it from the inside?

Did I also mention that the outside temperature was in the low 90s and the humidity was somewhere around 1000%?

It didn't take Rayburn long to realize that he was trapped. In the words of Jed Clampett, "he commenced to hollerin'" and banging on the inside of that door. He hollered and banged for about an hour before one of the guys happened to go back to the bus to get something. The guy opened to bay door and there sat Rayburn, sweating like he'd just ran a marathon, and so mad that his face was the color of a fire engine.

Rayburn crawled out of the bay—a little wobbly at first because he had been sitting crossed-legged the whole time — and marched into the auditorium and hollered at the top of his lungs, "WHO IS THE WISE GUY WHO SHUT ME UP IN THE BUS BAY?!?!"

I knew I was going to be one man short because I'm pretty sure Rayburn had bodily harm on his mind.

As soon as Rayburn said that Rodney looked up and asked, "Were you in there?" He said it so meekly that all the fire in Rayburn just went away. Rodney came over, put his arm around Rayburn and started apologizing.

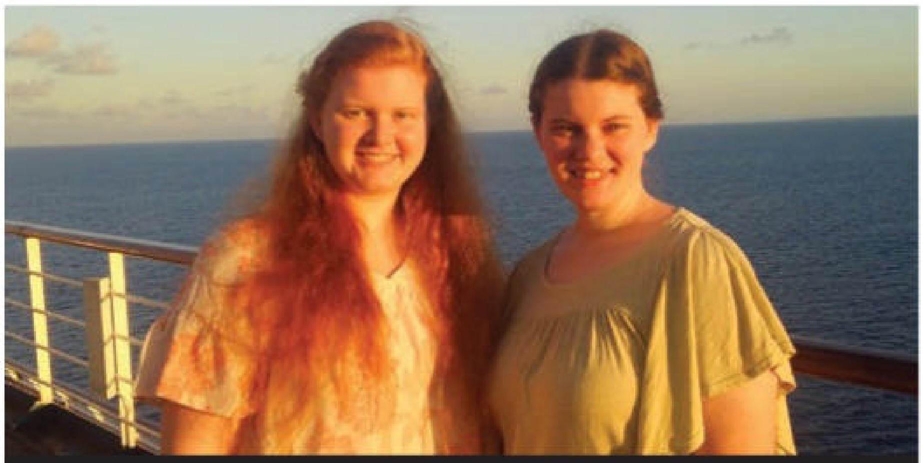
Rayburn just stood there with that "Well-what-do-I-do-now" look on his face. He knew Rodney would never do that intentionally, and now he was feeling like the teacher who had punished the wrong student for pulling the little girl's hair.

He looked at Rodney and said, "Just stay away from those bay doors ... far away. Really far away."

That may be one of my all-time favorite Dixie Melody Boys stories. I always laugh when I share it with friends.

But, of course, you know all I ever wanted to do is sing a song! |sn

RODNEY GRIFFIN



BellaJane and EmmaLynne Whitesides on the 2023 *Singing At Sea* cruise.

Singing News Contest Winners

This is BellaJane and EmmaLynne Whitesides. They are sisters from Bristol, Tennessee, who entered and won a contest from *Singing News* last year. The prize was a cruise on the 2023 *Singing At Sea*!

They had a wonderful time on the cruise and enjoyed lots of great fellowship, great food, and great music, including their favorite group, The Kingsmen Quartet! The next time you see a contest from *Singing News*, be sure to enter it. We always give away great prizes!

L-R: Lauren Talley, Kenna Turner West, and Amber Eppinette Saunders

A New Collaboration

Lauren Talley, Kenna Turner West, and Amber Eppinette Saunders – longtime friends – have come together for a special collaboration. Their first single, "Ever-Present, Almighty God," has just been released by Horizon Records.

"As a songwriter," says Kenna, "I love to write songs that remind us of what God has done in the past, because it encourages us to keep believing for what He has yet to do. That's been a theme in my songwriting for years, and is one of the reasons I am so blessed by our new single. Add to that how much I love to sing with Amber and Lauren, and what you have in this song is one of the most rewarding recordings of my career."

Lauren Talley shares, "'Ever-Present, Almighty God' showcases the character of each voice – not only mine, but the smoky texture of Kenna Turner West's low notes and Amber Eppinette Saunders' powerful high range – all on full display in a song we hope will move and inspire the listener."

Amber adds, "This song is a great reminder that we have an ON TIME, sovereign God who is in full control! What a joy it is to sing this with my dear friends!"

REMEMBERING

HOWARD RUTLAND

Charles "Howard" Rutland, of Gulfport, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2023, at the age of 80.
Mr. Rutland was retired from Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes, where he worked as a funeral director and pre-needs salesman. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He never met a stranger and always had jokes and "one-line zingers" to make you laugh.

He loved singing Southern Gospel music, and was the long-time owner and member of The Bibletones Quartet. He will be remembered by many Gospel music fans for his music, his love of Southern Gospel music, and for his accomplishments over the years. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from Emerald Coast Southern Gospel Music Association in 2004, as well as Mr. Southern Gospel Music for Mississippi from Phil Bryant in 2013. He also received the Living Legend Award from the Grand Ole Gospel Reunion in 2015.

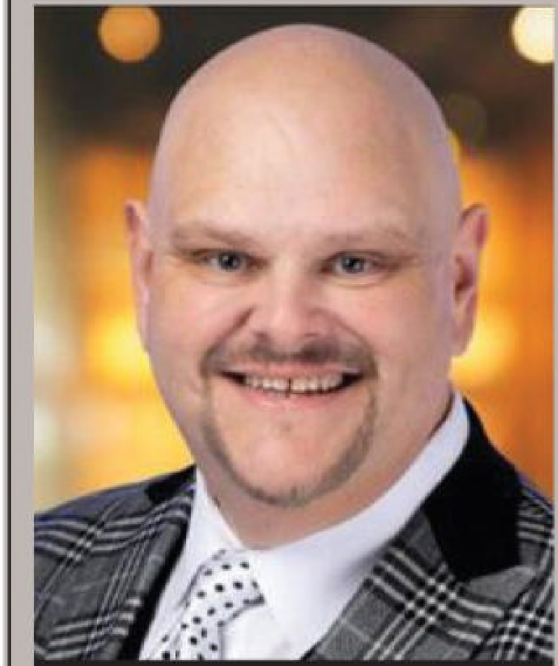
Services were held for Mr. Rutland on March 4, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Lyman, Mississippi.

REMEMBERING

MELBA BAGWELL

Melba Louise Bagwell, wife of the late Wendy Bagwell, passed away on February 21, 2023, at the age of 92. She was born July 10, 1930, to the late Lyman and Lois Griswell Hogue. Melba was a charter member and a devoted member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for 65 years (along with her late husband, Wendy Bagwell). She held a 45-year record for perfect Sunday school attendance at Pleasant Grove.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bagwell was held on February 25, 2023, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Hiram, Georgia. She was laid to rest at Riverview Cemetery.


DAVID FOLENIUS

David Eric Folenius, 50, passed away on February 22, 2023, after a short, but courageous battle with cancer. David was surrounded by his loving family as he slipped into the arms of Jesus.

David was a man of faith who devoted his life to singing and telling people about Jesus. He was born July 31, 1972, to Robert and Sue Folenius in Cincinnati, Ohio.

At a very young age, it was apparent that God had placed a calling upon David's life. He traveled and sang with many gospel groups, including Stedfast, The Stamps Quartet, The Williamsons, Master's Voice and most recently, his family group, Folenius.

Funeral services were held on February 27, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Henryetta, Oklahoma. He was laid to rest on March 1, 2023, at Greenlawn Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

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MICHAELA BROWN

For The Love Of Cooking

CHICKEN BROCCOLI DIVAN

I often have good intentions to prep meals for the coming week so I can eat more healthy meals at home. When I am successful in keeping those intentions (thankfully, more often than not!), one thing I like to do is bake a lot of chicken at once, cube it, and freeze it. Then I can pull out my big bag and make a recipe, such as Chicken Broccoli Divan, without the long step of waiting for the chicken to cook! Adding layers of yummy ingredients makes for a quick and delicious meal.

- **10 oz. pkg. frozen broccoli**
- **1 ½ cup chicken or turkey, cooked and cubed**
- **1 can cream of broccoli soup**
- **1/3 cup milk**
- **1 tablespoon butter, melted**
- **2 tablespoons dry breadcrumbs**
- **½ cup shredded cheddar cheese**

Butter a 9" pie plate or 8" square pan. Cook and drain broccoli. In a small bowl mix milk and soup together. Arrange broccoli and chicken in the pan. Pour soup mixture evenly over chicken and broccoli. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over soup mixture. In a small bowl, combine breadcrumbs and melted butter and sprinkle over the top. Bake at 400° for 20 – 30 minutes. |sn

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CONNIE HOPPER

Connie's Corner

THE PEACE THAT PASSETH UNDERSTANDING

Sometimes God calms the storm—and sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child. “*The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ*” (Philippians 4:7).

You can attain the peace that passes all understanding. I know—I did. It carried me through the most difficult and trying time in my life. Without the indescribable peace that comes through close communion and utter faith in God, I don’t know what would have happened to me in the spring of 1979 when I was diagnosed with cancer.

Nothing compares to this powerful, protective, guarding peace that God has positioned to stand at the entrance of our hearts and minds. The enemy attacks and throws us in into a frenzy of panic and anxiety by negative thoughts he brings to our mind. But when we are submitted to God, this guarding peace will paralyze his efforts.

The diagnosis I received in August of 2014 was certainly not the news I wanted to hear. I hung up the phone, turned to my kitchen counter and saw my Bible that I had used for my morning devotions. I picked the Bible up, and it fell open to Matthew 10. Verse 29 jumped out at me, and I read: “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.”

Through tears I said, "Thank You, Lord, for Your promise." People may try to find peace in the things of this world. The world knows nothing about the peace that Jesus gives—and that peace comes only from the Father (John 14:27). Jesus will help you through any situation you may have. He is waiting for you to ask. Whether He calms the storm, or He chooses to calm you, His touch changes everything.

Ask Him today. |sn

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BILLY BLACKWOOD

Thoughts For Everyday Living

AN HONOR TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL

You may have heard or seen that we [The Blackwood Brothers] had the tremendous honor of being asked to sing at the funeral of Lisa Marie Presley at Graceland in Memphis on Sunday, January 22. The stage was erected on the front lawn with Graceland as our backdrop.

You may also know that The Blackwood Brothers of the 1950s were very instrumental in the musical taste and career development of young Elvis Presley. The Presleys and Blackwoods attended the same church in Memphis, and Elvis often attended The Blackwood Brothers' concerts in the old Ellis Auditorium in downtown Memphis just six blocks from where he and his parents lived in Lauderdale Courts. The Blackwood Brothers were Gladys' (his mom) favorite group, and when she passed away in 1958, Elvis and his dad, Vernon, asked the group to sing at her funeral, which they did. When Elvis passed away in 1977, my dad, James, sang at his funeral.

In early Spring of 1968, Elvis called my dad at home and said he would like to introduce him to his baby girl. He responded that he would love to meet her and said he would drive right out to Graceland. I was a young teenager living at home there in Memphis, and my dad asked if I'd like to go with him. I, of course, accepted the invitation.

We drove to Graceland and were met at the door and ushered into the foyer. In just a couple of minutes, Elvis came walking down the stairs, holding Lisa in his arms. He said, "Mr. Blackwood, I'd like you to meet my daughter, Lisa Marie." Then he said, "Lisa, this is Mr. Blackwood. He's one of my heroes."

When I was barely 20, I joined the Elvis show for 18 months, playing drums with Donnie Sumner's group, Voice, opening shows for Elvis in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and on tour. Because of Elvis' love for Gospel music and his relationship with my dad, I had the opportunity of knowing him from childhood, traveling with his show, and now singing at his daughter's funeral. It was as if our families' connection had come full circle.

We were requested to sing "How Great Thou Art" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." In between the songs I shared the story of meeting Lisa for the first time when she was barely a month old there in the foyer of Graceland, some 20 yards behind us.

Priscilla, Lisa's children, and Austin Butler, who portrayed Elvis in the recent movie, sat on the front row and were very focused on what we were singing and the story I shared. Literally millions of people watched the live feed of the service or watched it later on YouTube. I have seldom been so keenly aware of the sense of God's direction and favor, and the weight of the responsibility of presenting the gospel as so many watched and heard the words ...

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross
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My Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
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Thank You, Father, for the honor of presenting Your love and Your message to many who need Jesus.

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MY DAD AND THE OJ CARTON

I took a carton of orange juice out of the fridge today and thought about my dad. Now that's a statement you've probably never heard.

My dad, who passed away a few years ago, was an intelligent man. He worked for many years in a research laboratory as a research technician, draftsman and inventor. Dad approached science and research with a lot of curiosity—and a big dose of common sense.

When paperboard orange juice cartons were first being made, there was a problem. Since Vitamin C is sensitive to oxygen, the cartons needed to be airtight. The main problem the engineers were having was designing a carton that would seal properly. My dad was not originally assigned to the team that was working to solve the problem, but he told them he might have a solution. He explained that they needed a small double fold in the center on the bottom of the carton. Then, on a piece of paper, he sketched out the design for the piece of metal that would need to be added to the carton assembly line. It not only worked, it was also the perfect solution to the problem. The Vitamin C was now protected.

Dad was awarded the patent for his invention. His design seals the bottom of almost every paperboard drink carton around the world!

Ephesians 1 tells us of the greatest seal of all. When we believe in Christ, we are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit and sealed unto the day of redemption. Greater than any of his inventions was the faith that my dad had in the ultimate Creator. He knew God held the answers for any problem we might encounter. |sn

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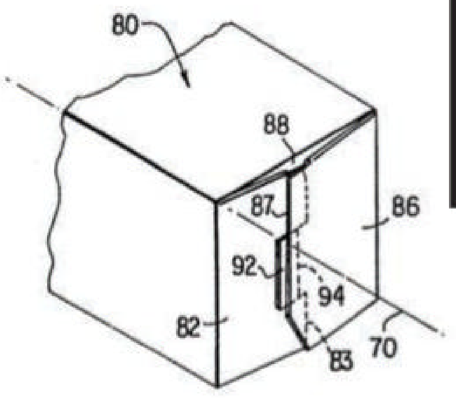

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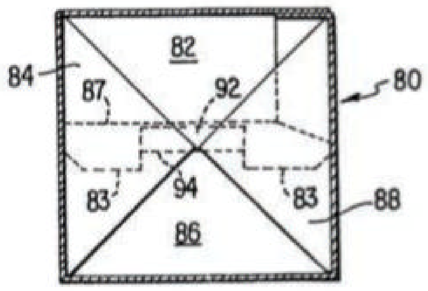

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REMEMBERING
Pam Slaney
September 2, 1954 - February 15, 2023

BY DAVID EDEN

Pam Slaney, the former Director of Advertising for *Singing News* Magazine, passed away February 15, 2023, after several months of declining health. She was 68 years old.

"Ms. Slaney worked with *Singing News* from May 1994 until December 2020," says *Singing News* Vice President Danny Jones. "During that time, her work ethic and genuine caring spirit for the family of Southern Gospel Music made her a favorite among artists and business leaders."

Born September 2, 1954, Ms. Slaney was the oldest daughter of the late Jo Anne Leach (Guinn). Born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia, she eventually moved to Boone, North Carolina, where she lived and worked for many years. She eventually returned to her roots, living in Vienna, West Virginia, during her final years.

Ms. Pam Slaney

Family members and friends remember Ms. Slaney as a very caring and devoted mother, daughter, and sister. She loved cross stitch, gardening, reading, and time with her extended family most of all. She had a big heart and was kind to all. She had the biggest smile, one that would light up the room.

Ms. Slaney is survived by her son Jonathon Slaney; siblings Kim Everson (Art), Jimmy Leach (Joanna), and Vickie Sopranik; best friend Debbie Garber, and many nieces and nephews. Along with her mother, Ms. Slaney was preceded in death by her sister Teri Isenberg. Per her wishes, no funeral services will be conducted.

"On a very personal level," continues Jones, "those of us at *Singing News* who worked with Pam on a daily basis saw an individual whose selflessness prompted her to commit random acts of kindness for friends, associates, and total strangers more times than we could ever count. *That* is what we'll remember most." |sn

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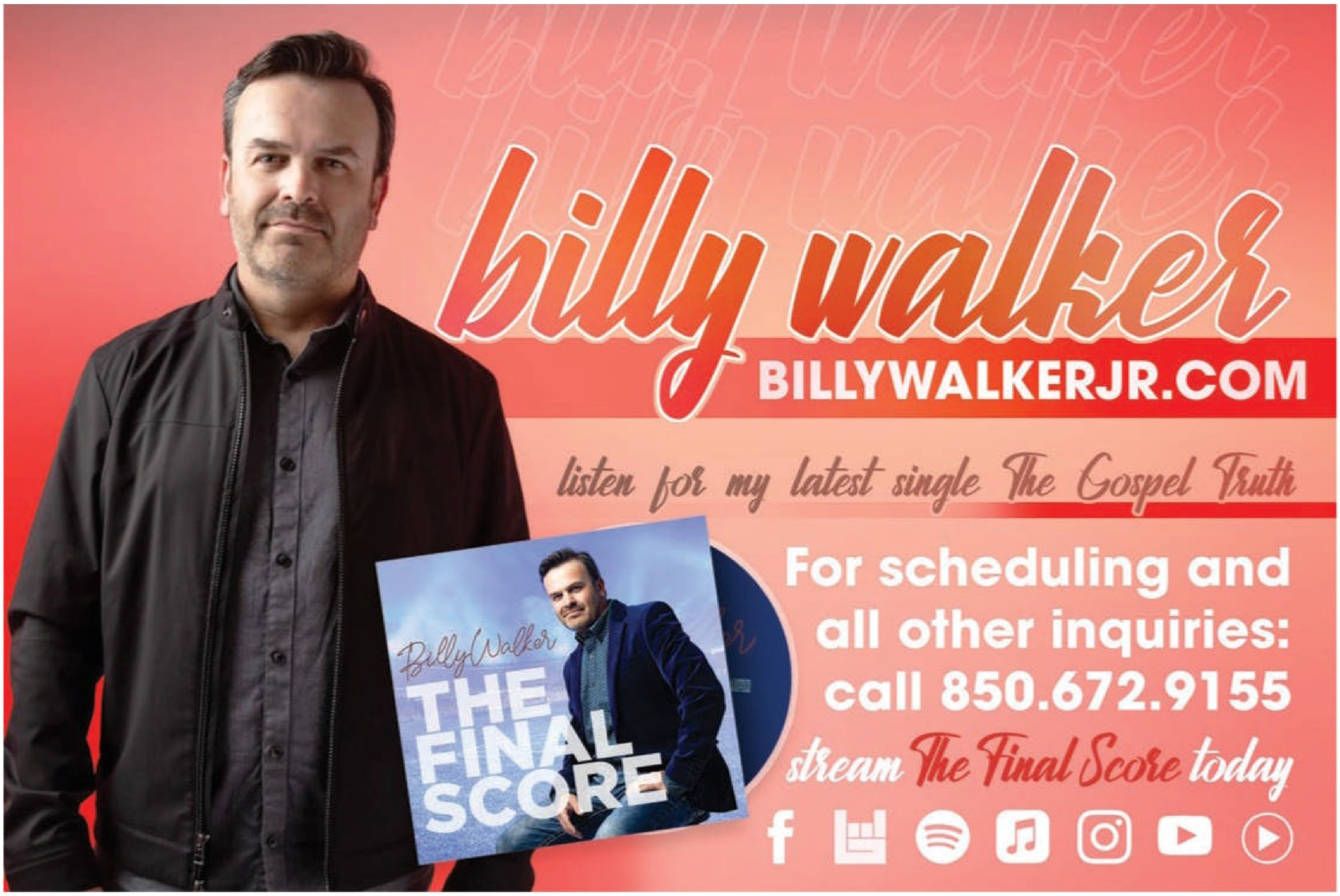

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WHAT'S HAPPENING With ...

BY BARBARA HUFFMAN

SUE DODGE

One of Gospel music's most recognizable and outstanding soprano voices is that of none other than Sue Dodge. With a career spanning more than 50 years and a timeless message of the gospel, Sue continues to bless and inspire audiences wherever she goes.

Growing up in Arkansas, Sue Chenalt always sang. At age 14, it was evident she had a gift, and in 1969, she began her professional career with The Downings—a position she held for 18 months. After leaving that group, she recalls something unique and funny happened.

"I was going to go back to Arkansas after I left The Downings, but The Speer Family was looking for a singer about that time as well. So, Brock called me and I was hired in two days," she says. "But what I didn't know at the time, was The Oak Ridge Boys, who were still singing Gospel at the time, found out I'd left The Downings, and they called Brock and told him he needed to hire me. In fact, as the story goes, one of them would call Brock every hour or two and say, 'You have to hire Sue,' and hang up.

"No wonder he hired me in two days! He was probably sick of the phone calls."

Sue herself will tell you one of the best things that ever happened to her was meeting Amos Dodge while she was touring with the Speers. It was love at first sight for Amos, and Sue says he basically proposed to her five minutes after they met. While she did not take him up on his offer at the time, the two did fall in love and they have now been married for 49 years, have one daughter Tara Goodman (whose husband, Travis, is the son of Rick Goodman), and three grandchildren.

The Dodges moved to Washington D.C., in order to pioneer a church, Capitol Church, which they founded in 1979. They labored there for more than 40 years before Amos' retirement. Because Sue had stopped touring when the family moved to D.C., her musical focus was primarily as the church music director in charge of all the music at all the worship services, as well as leading in the women's ministry there. In 1991, things changed when Bill Gaither filmed a day of studio recording that eventually evolved into the *Homecoming* video series.

Sue says, "Bill sent me a copy of the first video. I watched it and cried my eyes out. He invited me to be a part of the second one. I wasn't traveling. I was a pastor's wife and a mother. I thought that part of my life was over, and I'd never do that again. But Bill asked me to just come do the second video. I did, and I've been a part of them ever since, and that's how I came to have the solo ministry I have today.

"Music got in my heart and never left," Sue continues. "After the video series spawned a solo career for me, I'd sing on Friday and Saturday and then catch the first flight out and be on the piano bench at church

The early 1970s: Sue (far left) is pictured with The Speer Family.

(Left) Sue Chenalt: Miss Benton, Arkansas!

by 9 a.m., on Sunday. Very few weeks did I miss. I had the mindset that I could sleep later. My first calling was to my husband, which meant serving with him at the church.

"Our Tara was a teenager when the Gaither thing evolved. I really felt like traveling and singing was over. But I was on all the *Homecoming* concerts for the first three or four years, but I always made Tara a priority. That's how I was able to make it work. I knew when she needed me, and I was there. Same for Amos. I was a wife and mother first."

These days, Sue says she's in a fun stage of life. She continues to tour a couple of weeks every month. She and Amos still live in the D.C. area, and while Amos is no longer pastoring, they continue to follow the Lord's lead on what he should do in terms of evangelistic and missions work. Sue handles most of her own bookings, with an assist from Gordon Lutz, whose wife, Kathi Lutz has accompanied Sue on her singing engagements as her assistant for the past 14 years. Because of Amos' missions work, Sue has had the privilege of sharing her music in 19 different nations of the world, including a crusade in India where more than 10 million people attended, including a choir of 1,500 vocalists.

Sue says one could expect a "Duke's mixture" of musical styles at one of her concerts, but she's never far away from her Southern Gospel roots. While she does a combination of musical styles, including Black Gospel and Inspirational, it is her love of hymns and the Southern Gospel which she has always loved that prevails largely in her concerts.

Most recently, Sue completed a Christmas recording, something she's always wanted to do. She records for Chapel Valley and they, along with her producer Roger Talley, pulled out all the stops for a beautiful Christmas album that exemplifies Sue's timeless voice and the classy style for which she's always been known.

"I love where I'm at now," Sue says. "I know who I am, what I want, and who I sing to. Sometimes it takes people a while to figure that out. I'm not afraid to be me. It's fun to be able to do more ministry with Amos, and who knows what that will mean in the future.

"I just know that I want to continue to do what God would have me to with class and to remain relevant in my music and for my songs to bring messages of hope to others. A woman called me the other day and said, 'I knew you'd lift me up if I could talk to you. I feel like I'm drowning, but I knew you'd have an umbrella.'

"Now, that's worth it all right there." |sn

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Sue and Amos have been married for 49 years.

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Who are the quartets who will be appearing? Let's start with the evening concerts. The first concert takes place at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, June 21, with "The Battle Of The Bands." The Kingsmen, Poet Voices, Carolina The Band, and Gold City will *all* be performing with live bands. The second half of the concert will feature a special presentation of KingsGold—also performed with a live band. The 6 p.m., concert on Thursday, June 22, features The Inspirations, The Dove Brothers Quartet Reunion, Justified Quartet, and Triumphant Quartet. After the intermission, The Memphis All-Star Quartet—John Rulapaugh (Dove Brothers), Scotty Inman (Triumphant Quartet), Randy Shelnut, Jr., (Dixie Echoes), and Wyatt Austin (Inspirations), will have the stage. Friday, June 23, brings a 6:30 p.m., concert with The Mark Trammell Quartet, The Blackwood Brothers, The Guardians Quartet, Tribute Quartet, and Master's Voice. To wrap things up at 6 p.m., on Saturday, June 24, you'll get to hear The Dixie Echoes, The Old Paths, The Down East Boys, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, and the legendary Fairfield Four.

There are three special afternoon matinees scheduled for 2023. On Thursday, The Dixie Echoes will celebrate six decades of singing Gospel music with current and former members (including Pat Barker, Wesley Smith, and others). The Bibletones, longtime friends of The Dixie Echoes, will also perform. The Second Half Quartet returns by popular demand on Friday. This special quartet of Chris Allman, Rodney Griffin, Mark Trammell, Pat Barker, and pianist Gerald Wolfe always brings the house down at Memphis, and this is one of only two appearances by the quartet scheduled for this year. The Saturday matinee will feature Ernie Haase & Signature Sound—and rumor has it that Ernie may have something very special planned for Memphis.

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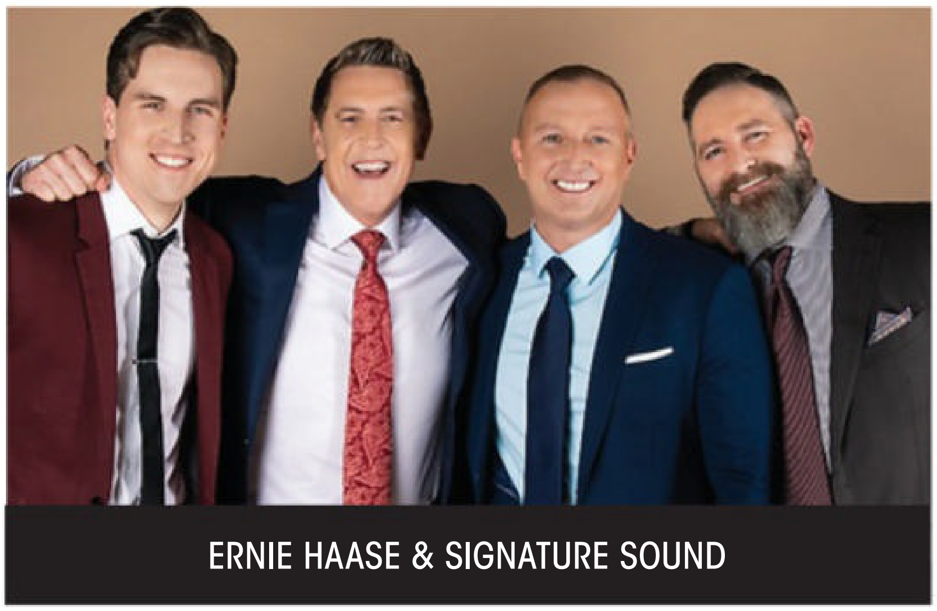

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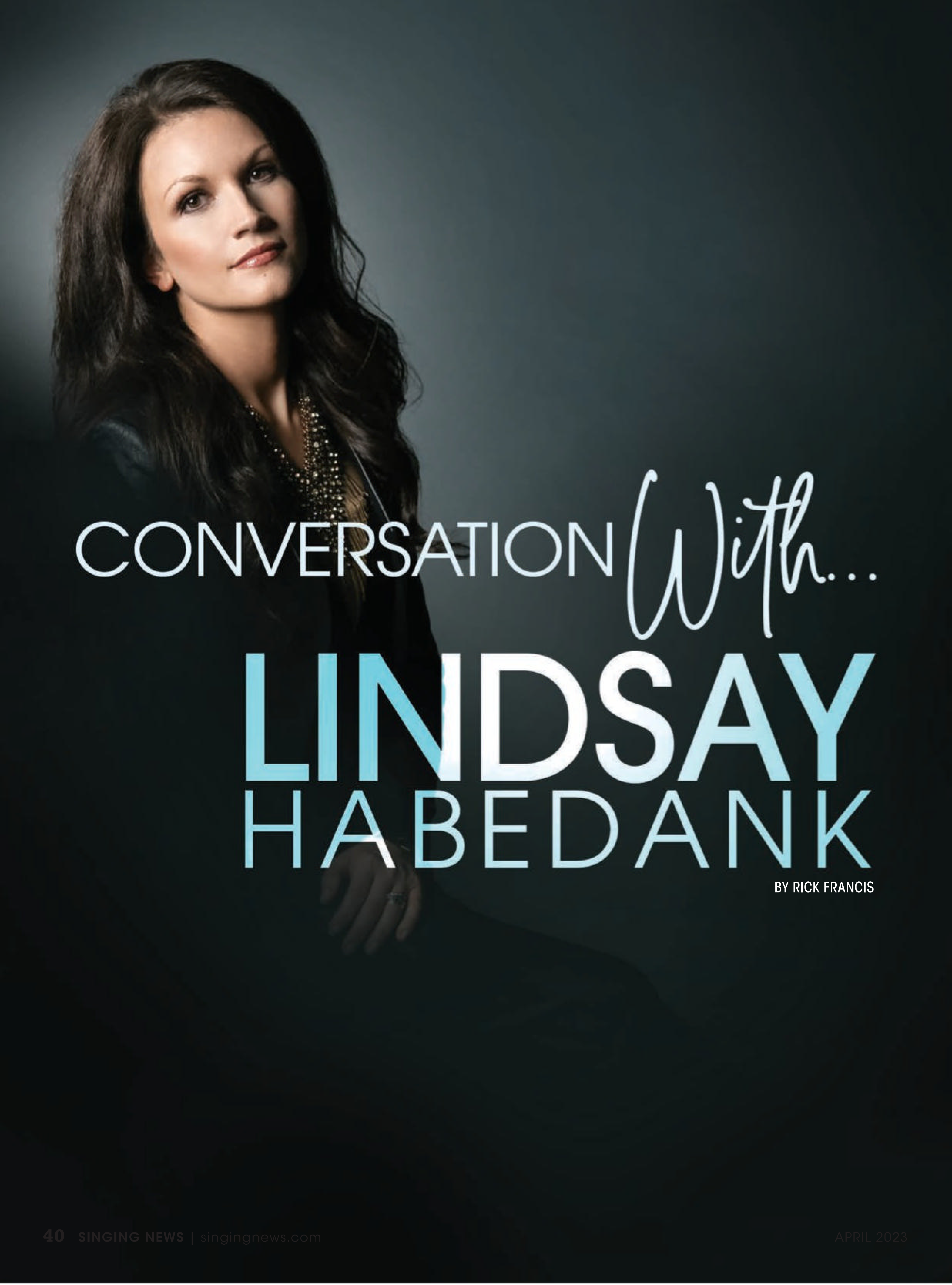


CONVERSATION *With...*

LINDSAY HABEDANK

BY RICK FRANCIS

Together, Joseph and Lindsay Habedank make a great team. Though Lindsay prefers to stay in the background, working "behind the scenes" to take care of the details of their ministry, they have recently released a new recording, on which Lindsay is prominently featured.

I had a chance to visit with Lindsay recently, and I loved her openness and transparency. She reminds us all that, even those in ministry – pastors, evangelists, and yes, even Gospel singers – sometimes walk through difficult and dark seasons in order for God to ultimately use them to help others.

Enjoy this fascinating and insightful visit with Lindsay Habedank.

Rick Francis (RF): Where did you grow up?
Lindsay (LH): I grew up in Kingsport, Tennessee. My parents are Greg and Adina Bowman. My dad is a pastor, and my mom is a songwriter ("If I Had Known You Better," by The Hoppers, "Rock of Ages," by The Perrys, and "When He Carries Me Away," by The Collingsworth Family are a few of her songs).

RF: If we were to step back in time to your "growing up" years, name one artist that we might hear playing on your stereo?
LH: Ohhh, just one? That would probably be Point of Grace!

RF: Are there other artists who inspired you early in your life?
LH: Yes. Someone gave my mom a VHS tape with a recording of the 1996 Dove Awards and, without question, I look back on that as something that hugely impacted the direction of my life. My family sang Southern Gospel music, but I wasn't really aware of differences in genres at that point, I just knew we always listened to songs about Jesus. I was taught to study and appreciate lyrics and harmonies from an early age, so when I discovered Point of Grace and 4HIM on that tape, it was like a whole new world opened up and I became absolutely obsessed, day in and day out, with all the Christian music I could find.

That Christmas, my parents bought me the *Life, Love, and Other Mysteries* cassette by Point of Grace, and I started checking out CDs from the library, calling in and winning music from radio contests, volunteering at Share-A-Thons, and going to nearly every concert that came to town! I am so thankful for my parents and family who fostered this deep passion for music about Jesus. When my classmates were listening to the boy bands, I was listening to Avalon, Point of Grace, and The Martins, to name a few.

"Our group, Third Generation, won the Crabbfest Talent Contest in 2005! Fun fact: Joseph Habedank was the winner in 2002!"

I remember as a child being at Vacation Bible School during a very bad storm; the power was out, and I was so afraid. As I stood there in a room full of kids, but feeling very alone, I started singing "Be Strong" by The Martins, just to myself and immediately began to calm down. Moments like that are why I feel so strongly about the importance of song lyrics to this day. Songs are an incredibly powerful mnemonic device: a marriage of a message to a melody that makes it easy to remember and recall. I want the songs that are going in and out of my mind throughout an average day to be strong enough to help carry me when the days get tough. (Editor's note: Mnemonic devices are memory techniques that systematically change difficult-to-remember material into more easily remembered material.)

RF: How did you and Joseph meet?
LH: We met the first time at a concert close to my house, but started talking after seeing each other again when we were both singing at an event called *Gatlinburg Gathering* in 2008.

RF: Did you ever envision yourself doing what you are doing today?
LH: I grew up singing with my family, traveling on a Silver Eagle bus. What a way to grow up! My cousins and I would race down the hall and crash into the wall (yes, while the bus was moving) and we made tents across the bunks with big quilts.

My grandparents, Harold and Ada Benton, began singing in the 1940s, then sang as The Bentons with their children, and later their children's spouses joined

"My grandparents, Harold and Ada Benton, singing on the radio in the 1950s, with my great-grandfather, T.R. Benton (center), looking on."

the group. My cousins, Stephanie and Whitney, and I sang as a trio called Third Generation. Singing and being together was just what we loved and it was our normal. Then I saw The Dove Awards at 10 years old and everything changed. My dreams began to take shape. With all the risks of being a dreamer, I've made choices along the way that have been for what I thought was safety. I have a Bachelor of Science degree that I worked hard for, but even through all of that I was still a dreamer. I remember working on a set list while I was working in the campus library. (Laughs)

After I graduated, I planned to work during the week and sing with my family on the weekends until my dreams came true. About 14 years ago, someone said something about my big dreams that completely devastated me. I stopped singing except for at home with nobody around. When Joseph began his solo career, I sang a little from time to time and then stopped again. It is really hard to concentrate on singing when all the lies the devil has crafted against you are loudly and constantly going through your mind.

For a long time, I tried to convince myself that I was fine not singing, but in the last few years, I started really struggling with depression. It would come and go and was always triggered by something, I just couldn't really figure out all the reasons why it was happening.

Then in 2020, when we were home from touring because of the pandemic, Joseph wanted to make this record, *Together*, and somehow, I agreed to do it. However, once it was done, I just could not release it. We sent it around to a few friends who said nice things, but it was never enough to convince me that we should release it.

Then in May of 2022, I stood backstage and watched several artists joined together singing before a concert began and my eyes just started filling with tears. I felt in that moment that I heard God say, "Just let Me do this." I remember feeling a strange sense of relief and I walked away thinking, "I'm about to have to say yes." I knew that I was going to have to move out of this supposed safety that I had again created, and two months later, during what started out as just a light dinner conversation, one of our dearest friends found out that we hadn't released the album and he lovingly, but firmly, told me, "You have 30 days." I said, "I have to release the album in 30 days?" He said, "No, you just have to say yes." I took almost all of the 30 days, but I said yes, the yes that I had known was coming for two months but had no idea who was going to ask or how I was going to say it. Now that the album is out, I'm still finding my footing and trying to learn how to be myself again, and remembering the dreams that I was determined that I could live without. I don't know what it all looks like yet, but I do know that all of the walls that I've built up haven't kept me safe at all. Safety can be found in this simple reminder from a song I've heard my dad sing for as long as I can remember: "I've learned how to lean and depend on Jesus. He's my friend and He's my guide."

RF: How has Joseph helped you on this journey?

LH: When I couldn't find any strength at all to do the next thing, he sat quietly and just prayed. He has been so incredibly patient, knowing when to push and knowing when to protect. Joseph has had his fair share of opposition, circumstances that were meant to destroy, and words that were meant to defeat. Because of his own work in his recovery from addiction and learning more about

"One of my favorite pictures. This was check-in day for Joseph at Cumberland Heights in 2013. I look at it and see hope!"

"With my mom and dad at the National Quartet Convention in 2022."

who Jesus really is, he's been able to see through some of life's challenges with a different kind of hope and compassion.

RF: You mentioned Joseph's addiction and recovery. Briefly tell us about that period of your lives.

LH: I found out three weeks before our wedding in 2010 that Joseph was struggling with an addiction to prescription pain medication. We didn't understand anything about addiction at that time, so he didn't work a thorough recovery program then and we just hoped for the best. In 2013, his addiction escalated tremendously and in May of that year, he was finally able to go for professional treatment at Cumberland Heights in Nashville.

RF: Was this the inspiration for your new recording, *Together*?

LH: These are the songs that helped us through Joseph's addiction and throughout the last ten years. My cousin, Brittany, sent me the song, "I've Seen Him Do It," while Joseph was in rehab. Visitors aren't allowed to have their phones around the patients, so I wrote part of the lyric down and took it with me to a visitation so that Joseph could read it. All of these songs have made such an impact on our lives. This is why Joseph and I are so passionate about songs. We feel a certain urgency about trying to make music that matters, because in our darkest moments, music has mattered so much to us. We can take you to River Road where we were listening to 4HIM's *The Ride* before I dropped Joseph off for 30 days of rehab, and to a porch at Cumberland Heights where I showed him the lyrics of "I've Seen Him Do It." We can take you to our dinner table where my grandmother called us after he was back home and sang, "You can have a song in your heart in the night; After every trial, after every mile." Again, mnemonics. The songs we hear throughout our lives come into our moments and become our memories.

RF: Do you sing on every cut on the recording?

LH: Yes.

RF: Who produced it?

LH: Joseph and I produced the album together. I love producing Joseph's vocals, but the production of this album was something I have really worried about in listening back because of the challenges of doing it during the pandemic. Everything had to be done in separate studios on separate days for all the different instruments and vocals.

RF: Did you write or co-write any of the songs?

LH: No, all of these are songs that have carried us through Joseph's addiction and recovery.

RF: From the standpoint of ministry, what is your number one goal in 2023?

LH: Joseph and I have talked a lot over the years about wanting to be good stewards of our story and this continues to be our goal, with Jesus at the center of it all.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 has been a very important verse for us, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (NIV). |sn

"A fun day in Los Angeles in early 2020."

JEFF ~AND~ SHERI

TREASURE: SHARING THE IMPORTANT STUFF

It was a typical day at the Lincolnton, Georgia, home of Jeff and Sheri Easter. "Typical" means Sheri was in her office, taking care of group business, and Jeff was running errands all over Lincoln County, preparing for the group's next trip.

When Sheri and I began the conversation that would become this month's cover feature, I wasn't concerned that Jeff might miss part of the interview—simply because if there has ever been two people on the same page in both life and in business, those two people would be Jeff and Sheri Easter. You're about to see what I mean.

Danny Jones: Here's a bit of trivia we can share. Sheri, you and I grew up in neighboring counties in Georgia, so our schools competed against each other in both academic and athletic events. Later, we both attended The University of Georgia (UGA), and even though you were two years ahead of me, we eventually took some of the same courses under the same professors.

All these years later, I've realized that I've never asked why you picked UGA. Do you feel like your major has truly benefited you in your Gospel music career?

Sheri Easter: I think I was pretty common in the idea that most young people aren't certain of their futures. I just knew I loved school and would probably be a lifetime learner, so college seemed like the most natural fit.

I have loved business since I was a young girl—anything to do with pen/paper/organization/problem-solving/attention to detail always brought me joy! I took every business course I could in high school and continued to pursue it in college, getting a Bachelor of Business in Marketing and later, a Master's in Business Leadership just before Maura was born.

As for why I chose that school, our area is only an hour from Athens, so there are big allegiances to UGA here in our county. In addition, the close commute allowed me to stay near family.

I loved my home life. I had an incredible Mama [Polly of The Lewis Family], Daddy, and younger brother, Scott, and really didn't want to "move away." Even today, I tell people my stuff was in Athens, but my heart never left home! It was not uncommon for me to go to Athens Sunday night after church, go to classes Monday through Wednesday, go home for supper, and return Thursday morning before my next class. It was a rare weekend that I stayed in Athens because, by this time, I was also traveling some with The Lewis Family, and so my weekends were committed to them.

I've told many young people that not everyone is meant for college, but I believe with all my heart, everyone is meant for learning. So, find what works best for you. There is not a day I don't use something I learned in college to operate my business and to use in even my home life and relationships.

Danny: The year 2020 was one that many people would just rather forget. When it became obvious the bus was going to be parked for a while, you took that time to do serious evaluations on how to keep things going—and then when things opened again, you discovered you had a new approach to the business of running a group.

Sheri: I sure did. I grew up in a family of great businesswomen—Grandma Lewis and Mama—and the model I had witnessed for many years was touring year-round, being frugal and intentional with spending, and never taking on more debt than you can handle.

We lost 101 of our 200 calendar dates in 2020 and what I discovered was that by parking the bus, I saved thousands on fuel, repairs, tires, salaries, meals, and a host of other miscellaneous costs. So, today, even though we're not entertaining the idea of slowing down, we are much more intentional to book dates that make sense, dates that fully cover the costs—and if those don't come in, we enjoy that weekend off, knowing that God is much more qualified to create my schedule than I am!

Danny: For a little while after you and Jeff married, you and he traveled together as part of The Lewis Family. When that season changed, it was a huge step of faith. Tell us about that very first weekend on your own.

Sheri: It was about three weeks before Madison was born. We had chosen to come off the road with no real direction for our future and we had called a friend from Pennsylvania who had mentioned interest in booking us if we ever decided to travel on our own. He put together a three-day weekend, promising guaranteed pay of only one of the dates, while the other two were love offerings events.

We traveled in our car, using soundtracks and Jeff's keyboard, bought a Radio Shack microphone stand on the way, and we carried a handful of albums in the hopes of selling to help with expense.

Those audiences loved on us and blessed us with offerings, sales, smiles, and encouragement—and sent us home with enough money to cover our bills for the next three weeks while we had our first baby and booked future dates. Within four weeks, we signed with the Beckie Simmons Agency—who still books for us today—and began filling the 1989 calendar year, starting with a concert on December 31, 1988, at the Hallelujah Supper Club in Newton, North Carolina.

Danny: There's a definite universal appeal to the music of Jeff & Sheri Easter. You can sing at a Southern Gospel concert, a Bluegrass concert, or a Country concert and use the same exact song list and it works just fine. When you and Jeff started as a duo, many people wanted to try to put a label on what you do—and they couldn't. And here we are, some 35 years later, and the only label that has stuck is "Jeff & Sheri."

That must be both satisfying and humbling to know that God has given you the tools to cross so many boundaries that you basically have your own classification within a genre.

Sheri: Absolutely, and we don't take that for granted. We know it was a gift from God.

I see so many people wasting years trying to figure out who they are musically. They run in one direction because someone else was successful with it—only to find it wasn't a good fit for them. To make matters worse, this often happens over and over in their careers.

I think the difference for us is that Jeff and I both are very determined, strong-willed, passionate people who demand authenticity from ourselves and others. For 38 years, Jeff has pursued his heart in style/genre while I've continued to do the same for myself—and the combination is a beautiful mixture of Bluegrass/Country/Bluesy styles that all add up to Jeff & Sheri music! Our lyrics are the one area in which we are completely unified because our hearts were conditioned by life to encourage others.

When we met, I had just lost my daddy unexpectedly to a heart attack at the age of 50, and I was broken. Jeff was broken by his disappointments in life, and together we just wanted to tell others that God is so much bigger than anything you face. We were confident of this because we had experienced His goodness firsthand.

Danny: *Treasure* is the new recording—and there was a certain goal behind it, wasn't there?
Sheri: Definitely. *Treasure* was our way of sharing the important stuff! As you get older, your purpose is clearer, so your message becomes more pointed.

I had written a song with Kenna Turner West about Morgan just after she lost their second child only weeks into the pregnancy. She knew God was trustworthy, but that didn't make it any easier to see "the bigger picture." There's a line in the song that says *I held so tight to what I thought were treasures I'd hold to forever … fighting hard to understand why blessings can slip through my hands leaves me with more questions than answers.* That word—*treasures*—leapt off the page and immediately, I thought of the scripture, 2 Corinthians 4:7: *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* What a comfort to know we can share with others a treasure we can count on, not because of our abilities, but because of His power!

As an added note, after the struggle and eventual healing of their loss, Morgan and Landan welcomed another baby girl, and Ryman welcomed a baby sister, Marlee James, in January.

Danny: The last decade has brought about many changes for both you and Jeff personally. You've said goodbye to parents … the children who grew up on stage with you have moved on to other things … photos of grandchildren now occupy a lot of memory in the cell phones. This has made both of you keenly aware that time marches on. As you're watching the calendar pages turn, what desire has been placed within you when it comes to the music you present or the words you write? Are you feeling an urgency to say something more?
Sheri: We have been so blessed to travel for many years with our children, but we understand that our roads are not necessarily theirs' to travel. Madison and Shannon, along with our grandsons, Miles and Rhythm, live in California. Shannon works in property management, while Madison continues to create music, writing and doing demos. Morgan and Landan, and their two daughters live in our hometown of Lincolnton and both work for Turner Realty, in property management and construction. Our baby girl, Maura, is now 17 and a junior in high school, loves her musical theater class and enjoys her time at home as much as possible.

Although the loss of our parents was one of the most difficult stages of our lives, they instilled in us such strong desires to love and serve others that it feels like they are still very much a part of our everyday lives. Our message has always been encouraging others because of our relationship and trust in Christ, but yes, there is an urgency to helping people understand the simplicity of trusting God.

My heart breaks when I see people who have been Christians for years who still try to polish up the outside without addressing the issues of sin they carry. We are all broken, sinners saved through the mercy of God, and the sooner we can be honest with ourselves and admit that, the sooner God can begin to heal our brokenness. Our lives carry a purpose so much bigger than ourselves and when we finally see that, we can rest assured He really is working all things together for good!

Danny: When I saw the new album was titled *Treasure*, the very first thing I thought of was your mom and Jeff's dad, James. Those two are definite treasures in the eyes of all who knew them. Sheri, what was the biggest treasure your mom left you?
Sheri: Mama showed me the ability to change the world one smile at a time! I watched her light up rooms by simply smiling a genuine joy to others and it's led to a positivity and light in my life that illuminates the darkest of places.

[As I was asking Sheri that question, Jeff arrived—and I could tell he was thinking about how he would respond.]

Danny: Glad you made it, Jeff! I can see you know exactly the treasure your dad left you.
Jeff Easter: The best thing I learned from Daddy is to be real and to love everybody. He was such a great Godly example. I sure miss him.

Danny: Jeff, before you run back out the door, let's talk about your other role in Gospel music: you're everyone's bus mechanic! If a bus breaks down, there's a better-than-excellent chance the first call made is to Jeff Easter. Has there ever been a bus problem you couldn't tackle?

Jeff: Most of the time, it's just common-sense fixes. Every now and then, I'll run across something major, but I've been around buses for nearly all my life, so I've learned a lot about them.

In many ways, it is therapy for me to work on buses—sometimes you just need to get involved in something other than worrying about what a day may bring. More than that, though, I love being able to help our friends with what I've learned. Besides, it's always fun to hear Rickey Gooch [Karen Peck & New River] call me Santa Claus when I help other artists!

Danny: So, Jeff, you've been a part of this music for so long that it's hard to picture you doing anything else. But if you had a change of careers for some reason, what would you do?

Jeff: I'd probably be a mechanic. I love the challenge of making broken things work. My dad always said if it's not working, you're not going to make it any worse, so figure it out!

Danny: On stage, you're joined by two very talented people. Tell us about Bradly and Paul.

Sheri: When Morgan and Landan decided to stay home as a family, we decided that since all of this began with Jeff and Sheri and it will probably end with Jeff and Sheri, we wouldn't be in a hurry to hire anyone. After Covid, dates weren't all that predictable, so we just looked for people who loved music and wanted to be a part without the promise of a strict travel schedule.

Jeff: Bradly Parsons is 22 years old, sings the third part harmonies, and plays guitars, banjo, and mandolin. We met him when he was about eight years old, and he was adopted by some friends of ours. He is engaged to be married to Lizzie Bullock this June.

Sheri: Paul Rogers is our drummer, and is incredibly talented with many other instruments, in addition to offering harmonies for our set as well. He owns a couple of music schools, and he is a full-time session musician. Paul is married to Brittney, and they have two beautiful children, Natalie and Wesley.

Danny: Finally, Jeff and Sheri have a proven partnership, both professionally and personally. As a result, there are a lot of young couples in this field who look to you as role models. Speak frankly and tell them what they need to hear if they're going to make it in this world.

Sheri: First and foremost, be honest and passionate enough to know who you are and what matters to you. You cannot be part of a team, unless you first know what part you will play.

Second, when you find someone you love enough to marry, consider that relationship the most sacred part of your life, second only to your relationship with God. In doing so, you will understand the respect it demands.

Third, communicate, everything and always, you cannot have a relationship based on assumptions about another individual.

Fourth, do an honest assessment of your individual gifts, and allow and support those in each other. This way, each of you will do what you were created to do with the help of someone who is doing what they were created to do. What will result is a cogwheel effect that leads to smoother operation.

Let me add one more: find a way to laugh with one another, because on the hardest days, you will need the gift of laughter to carry you!

Jeff: The older I get, the more I realize it is so much easier to choose joy. Sheri and I both love to laugh—and being married to me, there's a lot to laugh about!

I've always loved a positive mindset, and one of the things I'll always remember about Daddy was the way he would close in prayer before saying amen. He'd say, "Let all our news be good news."

So, if Sheri and I—or anyone else—can give someone a smile or a good laugh that helps them get through all the hurt that exists today, that makes for a good day. Everything that Sheri just said, and what I added—that's the important stuff to share! |sn

REMEMBERING

Buddy Thrasher

April 4, 1940 - January 23, 2023

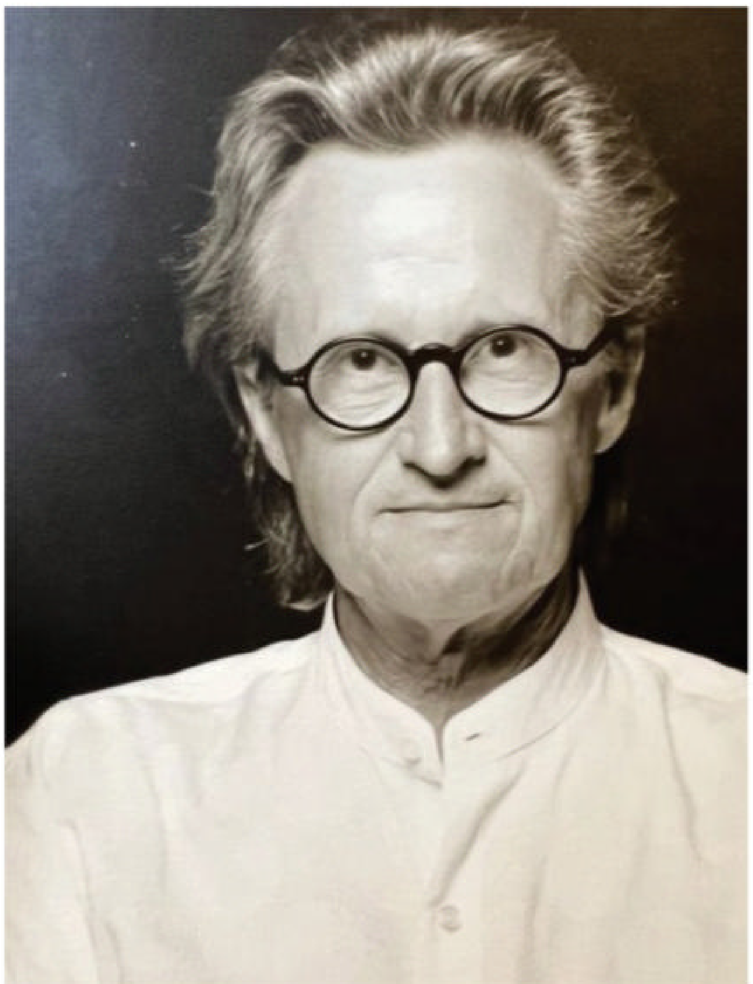
BY RICK FRANCIS

Clyde Lamar "Buddy" Thrasher passed away on January 23, 2023, at the age of 82.

Born Clyde Lamar Thrasher in 1940, he was known as "Buddy" most of his life. Buddy was the middle child of three brothers who moved with their parents to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1949. Their mother taught them to sing harmony at ages 6, 8, & 10, and they appeared on the Grand Ole Opry in 1948. In 1953, they won The Ted Mack Amateur Hour, appearing on national television. Buddy added the baritone voice to the group, blending with his brothers Jim and Joe, along with various bass singers over the years.

Their popularity grew in Gospel music as they became known as dynamic and entertaining, closing many all-night singings in auditoriums across the country. In 1969, they introduced a TV show called *America Sings with The Thrasher Brothers*, which ran nationally for three years. The Thrasher Brothers were also the group that first introduced the song, "One Day At A Time" (in 1974), which is still recorded by artists today.

Buddy was always known as the comedian of the group. His onstage (and offstage) antics always entertained and thrilled audiences. One of his most popular routines was to "beg" his brothers to let him be featured on a song. Being the baritone singer, and not the lead singer, Buddy would carry on onstage, insisting that he be featured. Audiences loved the comedic banter between Buddy and his older brother, Jim. After being ignored throughout most of the concert, Buddy would finally get his chance, and everyone cheered as his brothers relented and let him sing. But, as he began to sing, the other members of the group would leave the stage, one-by-one, leaving Buddy to continue singing his part by himself, over and over and over again. Buddy would "play it up," first taking off his coat, then loosening his tie, and pretending to lose his voice as he continued to sing his part by himself. The crowds loved it, and people lined up for hours to meet him after concerts.


Buddy Thrasher

A publicity photo of The Thrasher Brothers from the 1970s: (L-R) Joe Thrasher, Goldie Ashton, Buddy Thrasher, John Gresham, Tommy Watwood, Randy McDaniel, and Jim Thrasher.

Making people laugh and feel good inside was the core of who Buddy was. Those who knew him best say that Buddy had nothing but good to say about everyone. His positive attitude was contagious as he assured you that it was a beautiful day, and that everything was "just marvelous."

Buddy was preceded in death by his wife Suzanne. He is survived by two sons, Michael Dewayne Thrasher and Patrick Lamar Thrasher; Grandsons Jake Thrasher, Clyde Thrasher, and Walter Thrasher; And one Granddaughter, Jade Thrasher.

A visitation for Buddy was held on February 4, 2023, at Ridout's Trussville Chapel in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by a Celebration of Life service. His legacy will live on through the fans of the many albums and concert appearances over the years. |sn

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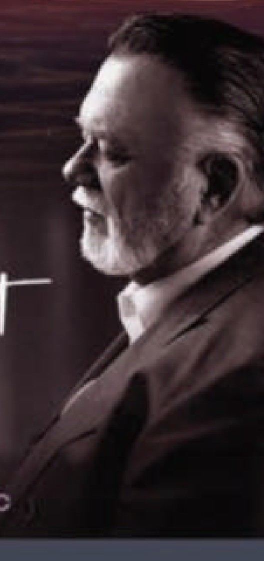

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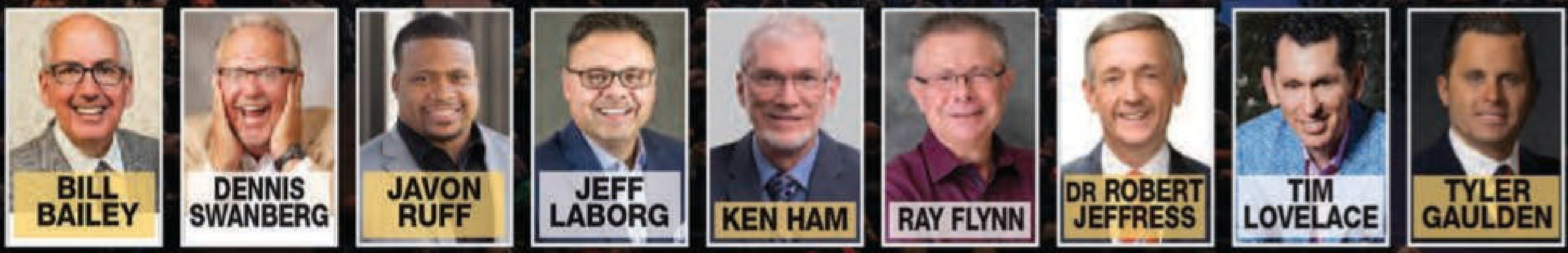

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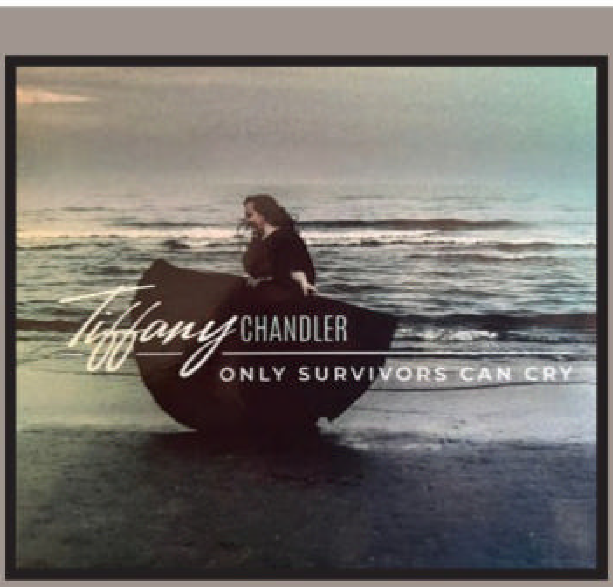
Up next is, "Far Longer Than Forever" and this song has the production of a Broadway musical. Sung with a classical vocal technique and backed by strings, piano, and flute. The music is beautiful and the duet with guest vocalist, Devin Cunningham, makes this ballad the gem of the CD.

The next song, "Falling Up," has a jazzy tone and is an encouragement to those who don't feel like they are doing well in life. It reminds us that no matter what's going on in life, God has you safe in His hands and He is above it all! Another beautiful song is "Let There Be." Also written by Tiffany, this lyric takes you from Genesis Chapter One through Christ's coming in the Gospels and finally, what could be in our lives when we call on the Name of Jesus. Very inspirational!

When we get to that place, we'll relate to the message of the next song, "Where Are Those Chains." Upbeat and emphasizing victory in Christ, this is a fun tune with a great message! The title track closes the album and begins in a minor key that speaks of what it is like to walk through very dark times in life. Instead of putting the focus on tears that turn us inward to our hurt, the lyric proposes that tears are the expression that one has survived their greatest battles. A unique, but very relatable ballad.

In closing, if you're new to Tiffany's music but enjoy powerful lyrics that's produced well, you should check this CD out on streaming platforms or purchase the CD!



THE SONG LIST ...

- Rain On Me
- When You Call On His Name
- For Always
- If I'd Believe
- Far Longer Than Forever
- Falling Up
- Let There Be
- Where Are Those Chains
- Only Survivors Can Cry

THE CREDITS ...

Producer	Matthew Holt
Piano, Organ, Keyboard	Matthew Holt
Drums	Steve Brewster
Bass	Jacob Lowery
Electric Guitar	Jeff King
Acoustic Guitar	Kevin Williams

Musically, vocally and lyrically, "For Longer Than Forever" and "Let There Be" are two songs that knock it out of the park. Be sure to *turn them up*!

HYMNS &
WORSHIP
TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

THE SONG LIST …

- Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
- Mercy
- Less Like Me
- Arise My Love
- My Jesus, I Love Thee
- Evidence
- It Is Well With My Soul
- Homecoming
- My Jesus
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Help Is On The Way (Maybe Midnight)
- How Great Thou Art
- The Blessing (feat. Karen Peck Gooch)

THE CREDITS …

Produced By	Wayne Huan and Scotty Inman
Co-Produced By	Kris Crunk
Piano, Keys	Jason Webb, Jonathan Brown, and Kris Crunk
Drums, Percussion	Scott Williamson
Bass	Jacob Lowery
Acoustic Guitar	Joel Key, Dave Cleveland
Electric Guitar	Kelly Back, Dave Cleveland
Piano	Trey Ivey, Payton Altman

HYMNS & WORSHIP

TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

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If you're looking for a CD where you know all the songs before you hear it, the new CD by Triumphant Quartet, *HYMNS & WORSHIP*, would be a good candidate! This CD features 13 tracks ranging within hymns and songs from today's most popular Contemporary Christian artists.

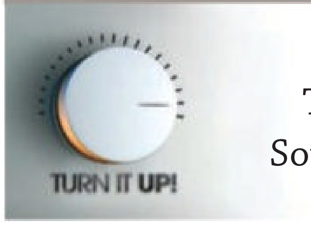
There are five hymns on Triumphant Quartet's new recording, "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), "My Jesus, I Love Thee," "It Is Well With My Soul," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art."

"Amazing Grace" is the CD's opener and is the Contemporary version from Chris Tomlin. If you're looking for a big, orchestrated rendition that's a staple in any Gospel music album, then "It Is Well With My Soul" is your track. It has all the beautiful strings and brass you expect in a big ballad. The other hymns are recorded with an acoustic sound, including acoustic guitar, mandolin, violin, and piano.

The Worship Segment:

If you listen to the top bands in Contemporary Christian music, you will know the other songs on the album. If you're not familiar with them, then Triumphant will introduce you! "Less Like Me" and "My Jesus" are mid-tempo tunes with a heavy Country influence. An epic throwback to the 90s is "Arise My Love," which features Scotty and Clayton with a nice arrangement that builds over the length of the ballad. Then there is "Help Is On The Way," which originates from Christian rap artist, Toby Mac. This is by far the most edgy song on the CD. "Mercy" and "Homecoming" are the closest to being worship songs on the album. Perhaps the biggest song of the newer songs is Kari Jobe's "The Blessing," which features guest vocalist, Karen Peck Gooch. This song is sure to be great in concert and will remind many of "Hallelujah" and "We Believe."

If you've followed and enjoyed the music of Triumphant over the years, then you will want to add this recording to your collection. It has a broad musical range and a little something for everyone.



To choose one song from each style represented on this CD, I would *turn up,* "It Is Well With My Soul" for the hymn and "The Blessing" for the worship song.

PET PAUSE

MEET JOVI

By Eric Bennett

COVID was a weird time for everyone. It was so weird for us that it made us want a dog! Everybody we knew was getting dogs during the COVID shutdown, and so it made us want one.

It seemed like it was the cool thing to do. Don't ask me why. I guess I wanted one for my wife, Dana, so when I was on the road, she could have another old dog laying around the house.

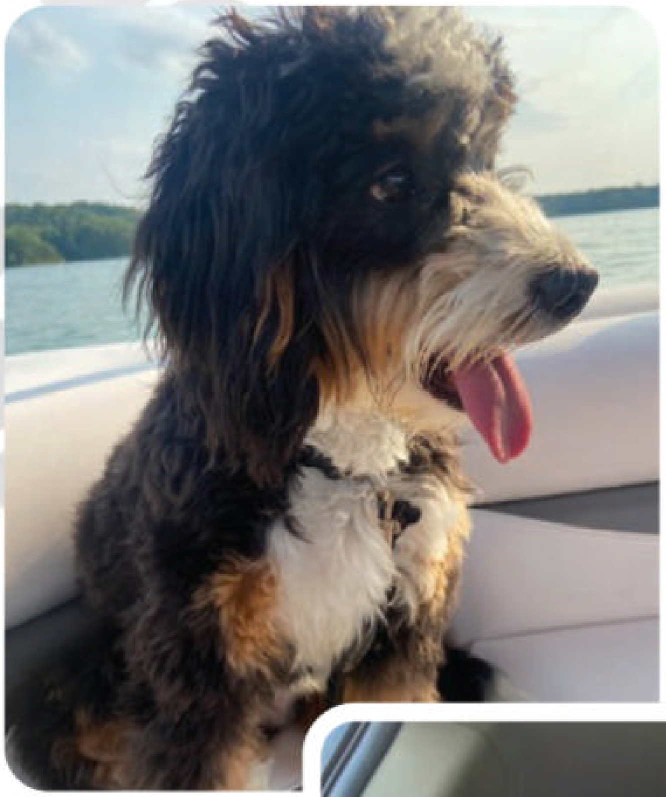
But we decided, instead of an older dog, that we would get a puppy. The only stipulation we had was that it had to be a non-shedder. We ended up with a Mini Bernie Doodle. That is a mix between a Bernese Mountain Dog and a poodle. Dana named her "Jovi."

Jovi is one of the friendliest dogs I've ever seen. She loves everyone she sees, and she has an interesting diet of Purina puppy food and my grandkids' toys. When a toy goes missing, the first one we blame is Jovi. Naturally, she denies having anything to do with it.

One weird thing about Jovi is that she is allergic to chicken. We found that out the hard way. That was almost a deal breaker—if you don't like chicken, we usually can't be friends. But we are making an exception in Jovi's case. She's just so cute that we think we will keep her around.

She has been a great addition to our family, and she definitely loves Dana. Jovi is 2-years-old now and owns us and our house.

And we are happy about it! |sn



Jovi is an avid boater who loves sailing with the family!

Dana Bennett and her loving owner, Jovi.

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POSITION	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	LABEL
1	Gabriel's Already Standing	Lonesome River Band	Mountain Home/ Crossroads
2	Go Spread The Gospel	Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers	Billy Blue Records
3	Little Eyes	Authentic Unlimited	Billy Blue Records
4	One Wide River To Cross	Mark Bishop	Sonlite/Crossroads
5	Would You Carry Me	Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver	Billy Blue Records
6	My Path Was Paved By The Blood Of The Lamb	Chigger Hill Boys & Terri	Morning Glory Music
7	Better Times	Heaven's Mountain Band	Family Music Group
8	Shall We Gather At The River	Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver	Billy Blue Records
9	He's My Guide	Becky Isaacs Bowman	House of Isaacs/ New Day
10	That Sweet Land Of God Somewhere	Primitive Quartet	Mountain Heritage

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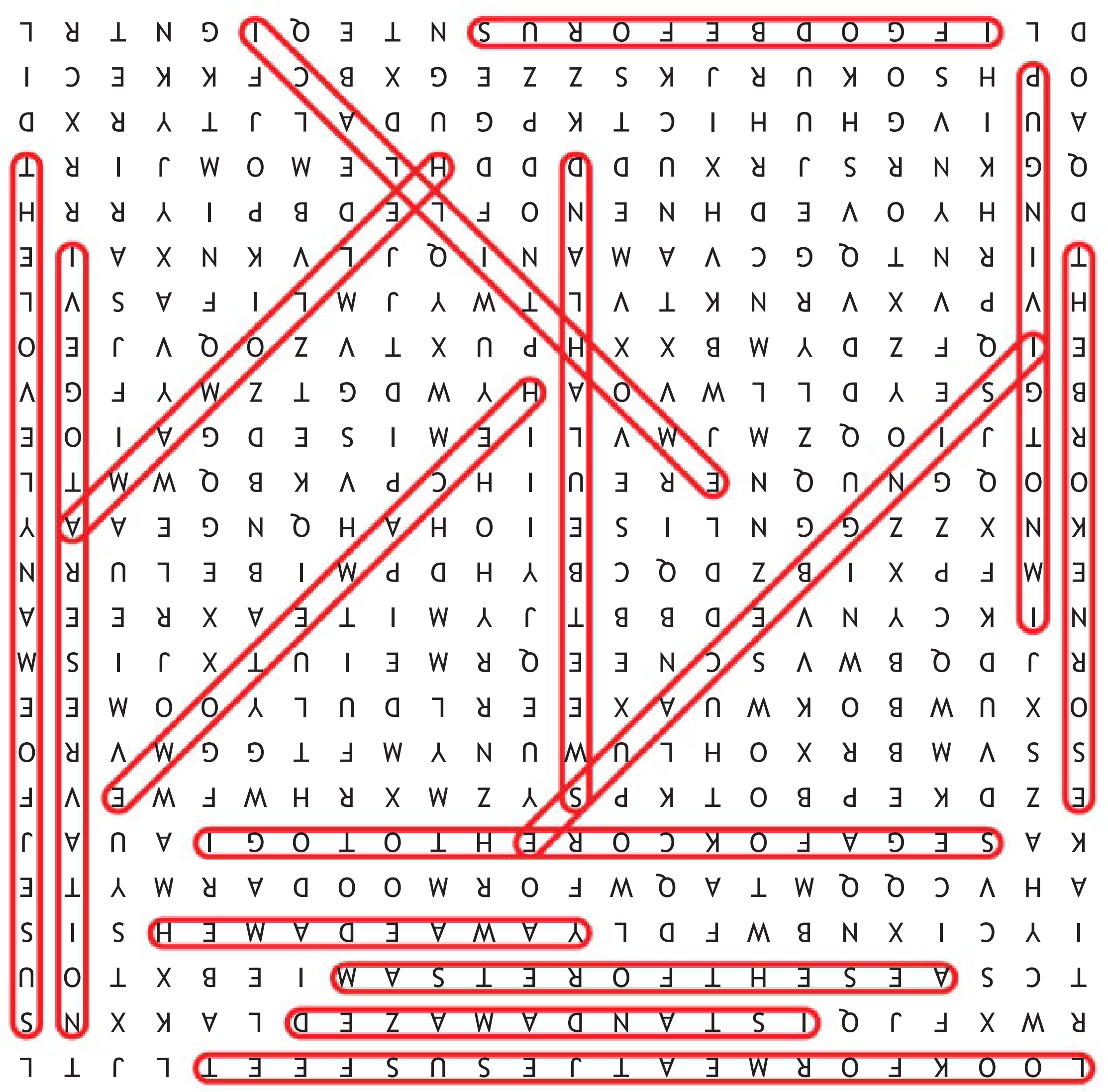

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A Closer Look

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A FRIEND

On February 15, 2023, Danny Jones and I traveled to Graceville, Florida, to celebrate the life of a longtime friend, Jerry Kirksey. I traveled from Nashville, Tennessee, and Danny Jones traveled from the Atlanta, Georgia, area.

I know that we paid tribute to Jerry in the March issue (you can find it on page 66), but I wanted to share a little about his Celebration of Life service, along with some personal thoughts with you.

I knew who Jerry Kirksey was long before he and I became friends.

This is how I knew Jerry. From about the age of 7, my family has subscribed to *Singing News*. When it would arrive in our mailbox every month, I would stop whatever I was doing and read it from cover to cover. *Singing News* is one of the reasons I fell in love with Gospel music!

Jerry, along with J.G. Whitfield, launched *Singing News* in May of 1969, and during the 41 years that Jerry ran the publication, his titles ranged from editor, to editor-in-chief, to associate publisher.

Fast forward to the mid-1980s. I was in my early 20s, and was touring with a group called The Mid South Boys when I met Jerry. Sometimes, when you meet someone you have admired for a long time, or who is high profile or well-known … it can be a huge disappointment when you finally meet them in person. They may totally brush you off, or be rude or unkind.

That was NOT the case with Jerry Kirksey!

Even though Jerry (and the publication he ran), was partially responsible for me falling in love with Gospel music, he wasn't aware of that when we first met, yet he quickly welcomed me into Gospel music with open arms. A short time later, he enthusiastically introduced me to his wife, Carolyn. Jerry and Carolyn were always good to me over our 30-something years of friendship. (Carolyn passed away in 2015.)

Fast forward a few more years, and Jerry also welcomed me into the *Singing News* family with open arms, just as he had done several years earlier with Danny Jones. Danny is now vice president of *Singing News*, and I serve as publisher of the publication.

Jerry's Celebration of Life service was officiated by Larry Ford (You may remember him as the Irish tenor with The Dixie Echoes, The James Blackwood Quartet, The Gaither Homecoming videos, and for songs like, "Walk With Me," and "Little Is Much When God Is In It.")

Larry did a fantastic job, beginning the service by singing "Beulah Land." Johnny Whitfield, the son of J.G. Whitfield, then shared some personal comments, including a funny "Jerry" story, before reading the obituary and some highlights of Jerry's life and career.

Larry Ford then sang again, and led those in attendance in "Because He Lives," before preaching a sermon that ended with one of the last phrases that Jerry ever said. According to Larry, one of the last things Jerry said to his son, Brett, was, "I'm ready to go."

Jerry was laid to rest beside Carolyn, in a family plot.

Thank you, Jerry, for the 41 years you spent, running *Singing News*, guiding it, striving for excellence, and for keeping it going.

And thanks for your friendship, too.

Shown left to right at Jerry Kirksey's funeral are Maurine Whitfield Wingate, Johnny Whitfield, Danny Jones, Larry Ford, Rick Francis, and Kenneth Kirksey. (Maurine and Johnny are the daughter and son of J.G. Whitfield, who founded *Singing News*. Jerry Kirksey served as J.G.'s right-hand man.)

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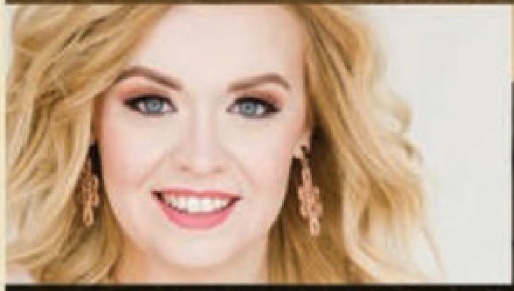

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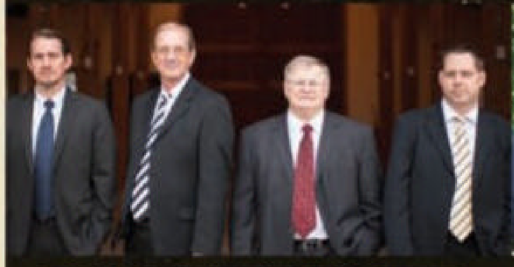

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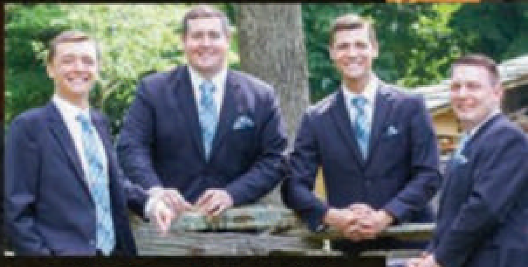

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Grateful Eyes

MR. MOM

Recently, my wife Kasey went out of town on a girls' trip, and I was given the job of being "Mr. Mom" for a few days—you know, take care of kids, dogs, and the house in general. Being a traveler, it is very rare for me to be home without Kasey, so this set up was unique and I'm sure the kids were wondering how it was going to turn out.

The First night went off without a hitch. On the way to school the next day, well, that's where the wheel fell off.

The kids had a field trip, and they needed an extra pair of shoes. But they told me they didn't need their backpacks. As we pulled into the school, the kids told me they forgot their extra shoes for the field trip. So, I dropped them off and made the trip back home to get them.

Now, the trip from home to school is around 15 minutes one way. As I headed back to the school with their shoes, Kasey called and said the school had called her and Bo needed his backpack after all. So, I turned back around to go get his backpack.

At this point I'm still calm and cool, and just glad I could help—but I did find it hilarious.

So, I made it back to the school and dropped off the shoes and Bo's backpack. When I went to Embry's classroom, I found her crying. She said "Dad, I need my backpack."

Yes. You guessed it. I made a fourth trip. Needless to say, I spent my whole morning—and a tank of gas—making everyone happy.

I wouldn't trade it for the world—but I will say the kids and I were grateful when Kasey got back home! We all saw her through grateful eyes! |sn

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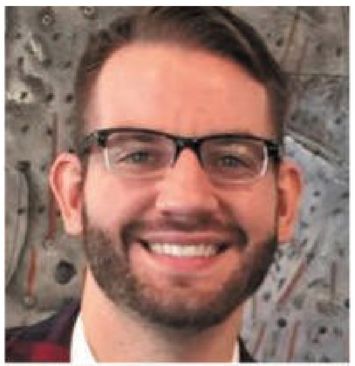


DANIEL MULLINS

Front Porch Fellowship

As heard on Singing News Radio.

HAPPY EASTER!

It is such a blessing to celebrate a risen Savior. The atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ is the single most defining event in the history of the universe, and the celebration of an empty tomb at Easter time is a reminder that we should live every day in light of that fact.

Here are some of our favorite Easter songs from the world of Bluegrass and Country …

"He Is Risen"	Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
"A Cruel Roman Cross"	The Primitive Quartet
"The Garden Tomb"	The Isaacs (featuring The Oak Ridge Boys)
"His Tomb Is Empty Now"	Balsam Range
"Ten Thousand Angels"	Loretta Lynn
"When The Son Rose Up That Morning"	Sideline
"Cry From The Cross"	Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys
"He's Alive"	Dolly Parton

We received wonderful news recently about the progress of Becky Isaacs Bowman and her recovery following a tragic car accident just before Christmas. It's such a blessing to see how the Lord has been continuing to heal and strengthen her. She is walking again and has been back on stage with The Isaacs during the last several weeks, which is such a blessing! Continue to keep Becky in your prayers.

Next month, The Primitive Quartet will bid farewell to the Gospel community, after blessing the world with their brand of Bluegrass Gospel music for the last 50 years. Thanks to SingingNewsTV, you can enjoy their final concert from home, as we say goodbye to The Primitive Quartet! Their last appearance is Saturday, May 20, in White Pine, Tennessee. For more details on how to stream this historic event from home, visit www.singingnewstv.com.

For most folks, April Fool's Day is a fun day filled with jokes, pranks, and laughter. For my sister, April 1 will always be a little extra special, because this April 1 is her wedding day! Sarah Lynn Mullins is Joe's daughter and my only sister. She is the one who got the musical gene, playing in the marching band in high school and singing in our home church for many years. She will be getting married to start this month to a great young man named Josh, who also plays guitar in his church's worship band. May your marriage be filled with music and centered on Christ. Congratulations to Josh and Sarah Brush!

JOSH AND SARAH BRUSH

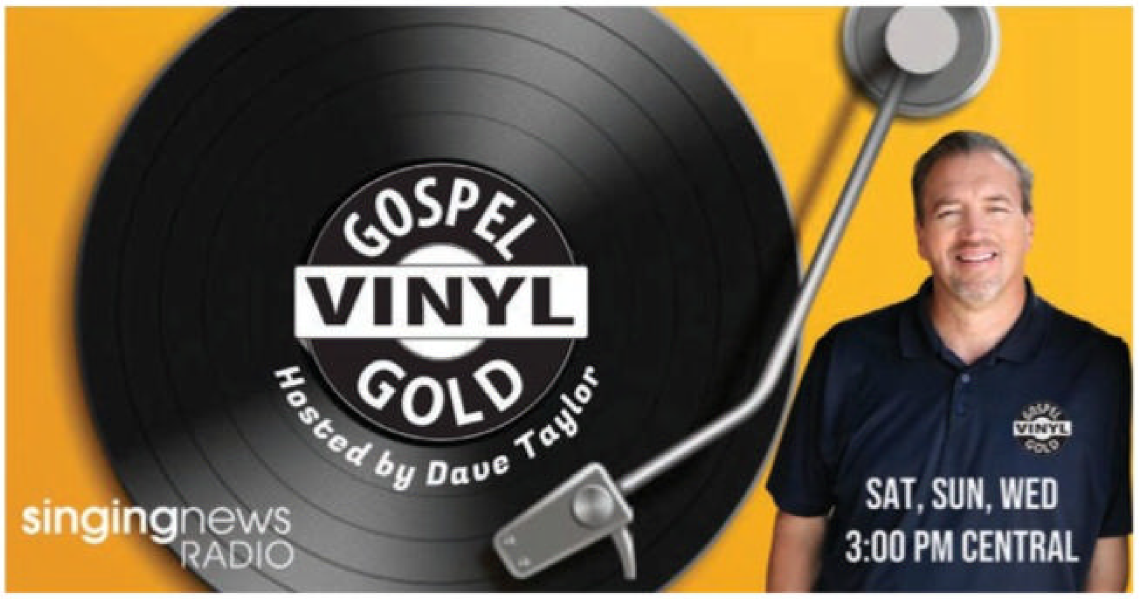
BECKY ISAACS BOWMAN

THE PRIMITIVE QUARTET

JOSEPH REED

Singing News Radio

I'm sure you've heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." Spring is a time of refreshing and new growth. The flowers are blooming—and so will Singing News Radio.



We know how much you love the Southern Gospel classics. Whether it is The Blackwood Brothers from the 1950s or The McKameys from the 1980s, we treasure the classic songs that have brought us to where we are today. We have a new show on Singing News Radio called *Gospel Vinyl Gold*. Hosted by Dave Taylor, it celebrates those classics that we love. Dave is a Morning Show host and station manager at KWFC in Springfield, Missouri.

AND THE WINNER IS

You can now hear *Gospel Vinyl Gold* on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday at 3:00 PM Central on Singing News Radio. Tune in and let us know what you think by calling our listener line at (800) 217-9716.

Congratulations to Teresa Hammitt of Boaz, Alabama. Teresa was the winner of our Singing News Radio Smoky Mountain Getaway. Teresa and her husband will receive a 3-day, 2-night cabin stay in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (Sponsored by Kelly Crabb and the Bowling Sisters), meals at Tony Gore's Smoky Mountain BBQ & Grill, and tickets to The Biblical Times Dinner Theatre.

JOSEPH REED'S DIRECTOR'S CUT

JEFF & SHERI EASTER
ONE NAME
(FEATURING THE SOUND)

This upbeat encourager is the new radio single by Jeff & Sheri Easter. It can be found on their new album titled *Treasures*. The chorus says, *There is One Name that sets men free. Only One Name that changes everything. Only through His perfect name you have a brand new life. It's the One Name of Jesus Christ.*

We live in a country and a world that is looking for hope, peace, and love. The Bible says in Acts 4:12 that *there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved*. That name is Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life. His name brings comfort in times of trouble, and peace in times of turmoil.

I am thankful for that "One Name." |sn

JEFF & SHERI EASTER.

singing news FAITH COUNTRY

Meet Ken and Kim Stull

BY TERESA SCHWEINSBERG

Often thought to be a husband-and-wife team, the Faith Country duo of Ken and Kim Stull wants to dispel that rumor right away. The two's back and forth, playful banter could only come from a brother and sister act reminiscent of Donny and Marie.

Raised in the same household and knowing each other so well, they can cut each other with their words, laugh about it, and still love each other. Ken says Kim is the brother he always wanted—fishing, hunting, and then skinning squirrels they shot to eat. Kim says having Ken as a big brother, she often got teased and became a tomboy to defend herself.

Growing up in Mannington, West Virginia, under the supervision of their preaching daddy, Ken and Kim grew to love both Gospel and Country music with a passion. Ken shares, "I often say we grew up in a house with Jesus, Haggard, and Jones, which is a line from a new song I'm writing. I vividly remember my granddaddy turning on the radio on Saturday nights to listen to the Grand Ole Opry, and then we all went to church on Sunday. Kim and I could only fit into a genre where the Country style of music is accepted, but it has a message about Jesus."

Ken and Kim have been singing since she was 5 and he was 10. Their heritage of Country mixed with Gospel runs deep. Their daddy began pastoring a church in 1976 and played acoustic guitar. Their uncles were semi-pros in Country music. In the early 1990s, they traveled as The Stull Family with their daddy, uncle, brother-in-law, and two family friends who played steel guitar and fiddle.

Ken and Kim will be the first to tell you, though they were saved and ministering at a young age, things were not always idyllic. Both say that even with all of their teaching and growing up in a Christian family, they each ran from the Lord for a while as adults.

"Kim was a heathen," laughs Ken, "but, seriously, our lives were a mess. I moved to North Carolina, where I was playing in bar bands and honky-tonkin'."

Things began to change one day as Kim attended a baby shower for her first grandson in a church fellowship hall. "There was a piano in the corner," she says. "I went over and started plucking around. Some ladies came over and asked if I could play some Gospel songs. After playing those old songs for about 45 minutes, God started to pull on my heart strings, and I knew I needed to come back to Him."

In much the same way, Ken moved from North Carolina to East Liverpool, Ohio, where the rest of his family had settled. "I just needed to get back to my family and how I was raised," he says. "I met my wife there and together we felt like we needed to start visiting churches. My wife Patty had been raised in church, too, but neither of us was living for God. We got under conviction and gave our lives back to Him."

Ken has pastored two small churches in Ohio, and with the help of his sister Kim, provided music for the services. Ken started writing songs for them to sing. For a while, this seemed like the place God would keep them to minister. However, about a year ago, Ken came home from work one night burdened, and shared with his wife he needed a break. He told her he felt stagnant in ministry and wanted to play music again.

"I had a burning desire that would not go away," Ken states. "I needed to get out to share my testimony and sing the songs God has given me. Five minutes after I shared this with my wife, my phone rang. It was Rick Schweinsberg, telling me he had heard us sing and felt like our Country style and songs fit with what he is doing with Faith Country. I had been crying out to God, and He confirmed my prayers had been heard and answered.

"We went to Nashville and recorded seven songs. Our song, 'From The Bottle To The Bible,' is our personal testimony. That is what we want to share with people who feel like they got away from God and have no hope. We want them to know it's possible to come back and be used of God again."

For bookings, you can reach Ken and Kim Stull at (234) 517-9980 or (330) 932-9255 or email them at kkstullmusic@gmail.com. They are listed as "Ken and Kim Stull" on all social media platforms.

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CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD	LAST REPORTING PERIOD	**Title** Writer(s)	**Artist** Publishers	***Album***	**Label**
#1		**Older People** Jim Brady, Rodney Griffin Last Reporting Period: 2	**Greater Vision** Brady House Publishing (BMI), Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Songs Of Greater Vision (BMI)	***Think About There***	**Daywind/New Day**
2	3	**Liar Liar** Jason Cox, Joseph Habedank, Josh Tomlin	**Brian Free & Assurance** Christian Taylor Music (BMI)	***Meet Me At the Cross***	**Daywind/New Day**
3	5	**Never Not God** Jacob Mills, Levi Mills, Robert Mills, Barry Weeks, Tony Wood	**The Sound** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Winding Way Music (ASCAP), Music By Barry Weeks (BMI), Curb Congregation Songs (SESAC), Tony Wood Songs (SESAC)	***God Is Real***	**New Day Records/New Day**
4	8	**Music To Your Ears** Rodney Griffin, Joseph Habedank	**The Old Paths** Songs Of Greater Vision (BMI), Christian Taylor Music (BMI)	***Music To Your Ears***	**Sonlite/Crossroads**
5	12	**He Won't Stay Gone** Rebecca J. Peck	**Whisnants** Thomas Peck Music (BMI)	***Been Blessed***	**Independent**
6	24	**Once And For All** Doug Riley	**Gold City** Lonesome Bend Publishing (BMI)	***Single Release***	**New Haven/Provident-Sony**
7	18	**What The Blood Does** Kenna Turner West, Lee Black, Devin McGlamery	**Kingsmen** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Dixie River Sounds (ASCAP), Winding Way Music (ASCAP), Dayspring Music (BMI), Say Amen Music (BMI)	***More To The Story***	**Horizon/Crossroads**
8	17	**Testify** Lee Black, Jason Cox, Joseph Habedank	**Legacy Five** Christian Taylor Music (BMI)	***Something New***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
9	29	**A Hundred Different Altars** Brad Steele, Joel Lindsey, Brad Guldemond	**Steeles** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI), Mike Curb Music (BMI), Songs From The Inside (BMI), Brad Guldemond (SOCAN)	***Single Release***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
10	8	**Scars In Heaven** John Mark Hall, Matthew West	**Nelons** Mt. Refuge Music (BMI), Combustion Five (ASCAP), Third Story House Music (ASCAP)	***Single Release***	**Daywind/New Day**
11	14	**Just As Sure** Rebecca J. Peck, Logan H. Peck	**Mylon Hayes Family** Thomas Peck Music (BMI)	***Steady & Sure***	**Independent**
12	9	**Tell The Grave** Wayne Haun, Joel Lindsey, Shelby Haun	**Perrys** Mike Curb Music (BMI), Candleshoe Music International (BMI), Songs From The Inside (BMI), Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***John 3:16***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
13	11	**Room Full Of Stories** Jim Brady, Tony Wood, Barry Weeks	**Booth Brothers** Brady House Publishing (BMI), Christian Taylor Publishing (BMI), Mike Curb Music (BMI), Tony Wood Songs (BMI), Bridge Building Music (BMI)	***Speak Jesus***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
14	1	**The Keepers** Karen Peck Gooch, Mitch Wong, Tony Wood	**Karen Peck & New River** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Karen Peck Music (BMI), A Wong Made Write Publishing (BMI), Integrity's Praise! Music (BMI), Curb Congregation Songs (SESAC), Tony Wood Songs (SESAC)	***2:22***	**Daywind/New Day**
15	13	**You Love, I'll Judge** Dixie L Phillips, Chris Binion, Heather Sorenson	**Lore Family** Asheville Music Publishing (BMI), Chris White Music (BM), Screen Porch Music (BMI), Hal Leonard (ASCAP)	***The World Needs A Song***	**Horizon/Crossroads**
16	23	**A Heaven Frame Of Mind** Kaila Martin Wisecarver	**Kingdom Heirs** Asheville Music Publishing (BMI), Chris White Music (BMI)	***I Feel A Good Day Coming On***	**Sonlite/Crossroads**
17	20	**Sing Me There** Kenna Turner West, Jeff Bumgardner, Jason Cox	**Kramers** Mike Curb Music (BMI), Say Amen Music (BMI), Sunset Gallery Music (BMI), Christian Taylor Music (BMI)	***Sing Me There***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
18	16	**Stay Home** Kaila Martin Wisecarver	**Wisecarvers** Asheville Music Publishing (BMI), Chris White Music (BMI)	***Single Release***	**Horizon/Crossroads**
19	48	**When You Believe In God** Kenna Turner West, Nathan Woodard	**Hyssongs** Mike Curb Music (BMI), Say Amen Music (BMI), McKinney Music (BMI), Day Life Music (BMI)	***Hope Wins***	**Independent**
20	66	**Ark Of His Grace** Ray Scarbrough	**Inspirations** Chris White Music (BMI)	***A Pioneer Legacy***	**Horizon/Crossroads**
21	★	**He Could Love What Was Left Of Me** Gerald Crabb, Freddie Kitts	**Wilburn & Wilburn** Gerald Crabb's Songs (BMI), Hanlar Music (BMI)	***Raised On Red***	**Daywind/New Day**
22	33	**Every Miracle And Mystery** Donna Marie King, Val Dacus	**Zane & Donna King** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***Single Release***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
23	19	**God Will Always Be God** Scotty Inman, Wayne Haun, Joel Lindsey	**Sunday Drive** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI), Mike Curb Music (BMI), Sea Smoke Music (BMI), Songs From The Inside (BMI)	***Breaking Boundaries***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
24	7	**We Need Another Noah** Rachel McCutcheon	**Collingsworth Family** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***Just Sing!***	**Gaither Music/Capitol Christian**
25	27	**Run To The Door** Rodney Griffin	**Mark Trammell Quartet** Songs of Greater Vision (BMI)	***Still Standing***	**Crimson Road**
26	42	**God's Been Good** Dante Bowe, Natasha Cobbs, Brandon Lake, Kenneth Leonard, Jr.	**LeFevre Quartet** Bethel Worship Publishing (BMI), Maverick City Publishing (BMI), KMLJ Productions (ASCAP), Capitol CMG Paragon (ASCAP), Meadowgreen Music Company (ASCAP), Tasha Cobbs Music Group (ASCAP)	***My Jesus***	**New Day Records/New Day**
27	56	**Judas** Joseph Habedank, Benji Cowart, Michael Farren	**Joseph Habedank** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), WC Music Corp (ASCAP), Curb Word Music (ASCAP), Howiecowie Publishing (ASCAP), Curb Congregational Songs (SESAC), Wolf Brigade Publishing (SESAC)	***Change Is Coming***	**Daywind/New Day**
28	15	**Not For Long** Karen Peck Gooch, John Darin Rowsey, Sue C. Smith	**Guardians** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Karen Peck Music (BMI), SueCSmith Songs (BMI)	***Come On In***	**Daywind/New Day**
29	37	**One Wide River To Cross** Public Domain	**Mark Bishop**	***Some Distant Mountain***	**Sonlite/Crossroads**
30	10	**There Is A Mountain** Marcus Hummon, Robin Ann Boudreau	**Gaither Vocal Band** Brentwood Benson Songs (BMI)	***That's Gospel, Brother***	**Spring House Music Group**
31	6	**Don't Miss Jesus** Rachel McCutcheon, Ed Stivers	**Triumphant Quartet** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***Bigger Than Sunday***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
32	★	**On My Father's Side** Tim Menzies, Monty Criswell, Tom McCoy	**Tim Menzies** Totty Street Music (BMI), Spirit of Nashville One (BMI), Tunes of Fluid (BMI), Rust and Chrome Music (BMI)	***He Reminds Me***	**New Day Records/New Day**
33	40	**Tear Down The Walls** Lauren Ashley Franks, Kenna Turner West, Jason W. Cox	**Ashley Franks** Songs of Joash (BMI), Say Amen Publishing (BMI), Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Mike Curb Music (BMI)	***Heart & Songs***	**Independent**
34	22	**Never Been** Lee Black, Kenna Turner West, Tony Wood	**Crabb Family** Christian Taylor Music (BMI), Dayspring Music (BMI), Say Amen Music (BMI), Wordspring Music (SESAC), Tony Wood Songs (SESAC)	***20/20***	**Daywind/New Day**
35	37	**Hallelujah For The Blood** Rachel McCutcheon, Ed Stivers	**Paid in Full** Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***30th Anniversary Special Edition***	**StowTown/Provident-Sony**
36	46	**This Is For You** Lauren Talley	**Lauren Talley** Life Source Music (BMI)	***This Is For You***	**Horizon/Crossroads**
37	★	**Halfway Up The Mountain** Jeff Bumgardner, Wayne Haun, Joel Lindsey	**Tribute Quartet** Candleshoe Music International (BMI), Mike Curb Music (BMI), Songs From The Inside (BMI), Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***Always Grace***	**Daywind/New Day**
38	★	**Celebration At The Empty Grave** Rodney Griffin, Barbara Huffman	**Down East Boys** Songs Of Greater Vision (BMI), Sunset Gallery Music (BMI)	***There's A Song For That***	**Sonlite/Crossroads**
39	32	**Awake** Victoria Bowlin	**11th Hour** Victoria Bowlin Publishing (BMI)	***Anthem Of The Ages***	**Sonlite/Crossroads**
40	★	**Turn Your Back** Dianne Wilkinson	**Justified Quartet** Homeward Bound Music (BMI)	***How Great The Debt***	**Big Picture Records/New Day**

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41	★	Breakthrough	Browns	StowTown/ Provident-Sony
42	26	Voices	Adam Crabb	Daywind/New Day
43	49	In The Sweet By And By	Kelly Crabb (with Jason Crabb)	Independent
44	39	Because He Said So	Browders	Dream Big Music
45	61	Just Believe	Gordon Mote	New Haven/ Provident-Sony
46	63	My Hope Is In The Blood	River's Edge	Independent
47	★	I'm Gonna Stand	Littles	Independent
48	41	Whose Hands You're In	Master's Voice	Independent
49	74	When God's Chariot Comes	Old Time Preachers Quartet	Family Music Group
50	31	The Blood Of Jesus	Erwins	StowTown/ Provident-Sony
51	43	Welcome	Jim & Melissa Brady	Daywind/New Day
52	44	You Were Never Meant To Stay Broken	Wilbanks	Independent
53	60	We're In The Same Boat	Troy Burns Family	Chapel Valley
54	59	I'm Not Alone	Austin & Ethan Whisnant	Independent
55	55	It Will Be Finished	Poet Voices	Berry Hill Records
56	★	Master Of The Wind	Becky Isaacs Bowman	House of Isaacs/ New Day
57	★	Love Carried The Cross	Endless Highway	Skyland/ Crossroads
58	★	Gettin' Ready To Breathe	Wes Hampton	Independent
59	★	Lost And Found	Southbound	Daywind/New Day
60	62	The Glory	Freemans	Goldenvine Productions
61	25	That Heavenly Home	Tribute Quartet	Daywind/New Day
62	★	I Know My Savior Cares	Ernie Haase & Signature Sound	StowTown/ Provident-Sony
63	30	The Story	Williamsons	REAL Southern Gospel/FMG
64	51	What A Way To Go	Billy Huddleston	Independent
65	79	I Can	Andrew Goldman (featuring Ernie Haase & Signature Sound)	StowTown/ Provident-Sony
66	78	The Building	Emily Ann Roberts	Starstruck Records
67	28	B-L-E-S-S-E-D	Jordan Family Band	ARS/New Day
68	54	Fountain Of Life	Meadows	ARS/New Day
69	★	God's Been Good	Little Roy & Lizzy	Mountain Home/ Crossroads
70	★	One Glorious Morning	Michael Combs	Lamb Lover Music
71	★	Take It And Leave It	Debra Perry & Jaidyn's Call	Gold Rush Music Group
72	★	Heading Home	Tim Livingston	Diamond Mill Music
73	57	Child Of The King	Joseph Habedank	Daywind/New Day
74	34	A Different Way	Real Southern Gospel Quartet	REAL Southern Gospel/FMG
75	47	Glorious Unfolding	Michael Booth	Daywind/New Day
76	★	Only Passing Through	Taylors	StowTown/ Provident-Sony
77	★	Pray On	Kenna Turner West	Sonlite/ Crossroads
78	★	Still Standing After The Storm	Mark Trammell Quartet	Crimson Road
79	53	Saved People	Scotty Inman	Berry Hill Records
80	65	Glorious Appearing	Hoppers	Hopper Music

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1	Augusta, GA	Pine View Baptist Church	6 PM
4	Otway, OH	Beech Fork Church	7:30 PM
23	Moulton, AL	Faith Baptist Church	10:30 AM
25	Gatlinburg, TN	Gatlinburg Convention Center - Invitation only	7 PM
27	Lynchburg, VA	Thomas Road Baptist - Senior Life Fellowship Event	10 AM
28	Rockingham, NC	Mount Carmel Freewill Baptist-Singing Shed	6 PM
30	Murfreesboro, TN	Barfield Baptist Church	6 PM

2ND CHANCE MINISTRIES — www.2ndchance_ministries.org

April			
1	Cheraw, SC	Cheraw Recreation Center	10 AM
2	Loris, SC	Crossway Church	9 AM
8	Mount Gilead, NC	Twin Harbor	6 PM
15	Chesterfield, SC	Douglas Mill Church	6 PM
22	Cheraw, SC	Forest Pine Gospel Park	5 PM
23	Gilbert, SC	Beulah United Methodist Church	6 PM
24-28	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	5 PM
29	Coward, SC	Bible Temple	6 PM
30	Wadesboro, NC	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	11 AM
30	Laurinburg, NC	Stewartsville Baptist Church	6:30 PM

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April			
1	Trenton, OH	World Church of God	7 PM
2	Fort Mitchell, KY	Fort Mitchell Baptist Church	10:45 AM
13	Mt. Juliet, TN	Music City Baptist Church	7 PM
14	Ada, OK	McSwain Theater	7 PM
15	Joplin, MO	Joplin Family Worship Center	6 PM
16	Fairland, OK	Crossroads Church	10 AM & 6 PM
20	McDonough, GA	Ole' Country Church	6 PM
23	Starke, FL	Bayless Highway Baptist Church	10 AM

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April			
2	Scranton, AR	Dublin Freewill Baptist	10 AM
15	Laurel, MS	SE Gospel Fest/First Baptist of Laurel	6 PM
29	Grenada, MS	Elliott Baptist Church	7 PM
30	Ruleville, MS	Ruleville Baptist	10 AM
30	Indianola, MS	Eastwood Baptist Church	5 PM

MARK BISHOP — www.markbishop.com

April			
2	Hohenwald, TN	New Hope Baptist Church	2 PM
15	Lucasville, OH	Charity Freewill Baptist Church	6 PM
29	LaPorte, TX	Underwood Baptist Church	7 PM
May			
7	Spartanburg, IN	Spartanburg Christian Church	6:30 PM

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April			
1	Burden, KS	First Baptist	7 PM
2	Herington, KS	First Baptist	6:30 PM
16	Oklahoma City, OK	Grace Place	8:15 & 10:45 AM
16	Oklahoma City, OK	Metropolitan Baptist	5 PM
21-22	Broken Arrow, OK	Gideons Oklahoma State Convention	6 PM
23	Grove, OK	First Baptist	6 PM
28	Perryton, TX	Junior High - Community Concert	7 PM
May			
5	Richmond, IN	First Assembly of God	7 PM
6	Xenia, OH	New Beginnings Baptist	6 PM

MICHAEL BOOTH — www.boothbrothers.com

April			
1	Bristow, OK	Freeland Center	6:30 PM

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April			
21	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
28	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
30	Fairfield Glade, TN	Fairfield Glade First Baptist	4 PM
May			
4-5	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM

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April			
1	Canton, GA	New Hope Baptist Church	6 PM
2	Whigham, GA	Providence Baptist Church	11 AM
22	Reidsville, NC	Covington Wesleyan Church	7 PM
23	Dexter, GA	Mt. Carmel Baptist	7 PM
23	Uvalda, GA	Cedar Crossing Baptist Church	10:30 AM
26	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
29	Winter Haven, FL	Westwood Missionary Baptist	6 PM
30	Graceville, FL	Pleasant Grove Baptist	10:30 AM

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May			
1-3	Lafollette, TN	Cedar Hill Baptist	7 PM
6	Cottageville, SC	Maple Cane Baptist Church	6 PM

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April			
7	Shelbyville, KY	Shelbyville Community Church	6 PM
9	Kokomo, IN	Gospel Light Mission	10 AM
21	Bedford, IN	Grace Full Gospel Church	7 PM
22	Henderson, KY	Countryview Baptist Church	6 PM
28	Jonesborough, TN	New Hope Brethren Church	7 PM
29	Jonesborough, TN	New Hope Brethren Church	6 PM
May			
5	Lumberton, NC	Robeson County Crusade	7 PM
7	Conway, SC	Langston Baptist Church	10:30 AM

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April			
1	LeMars, IA	Browns Century Theater	10 AM
7	LeMars, IA	Browns Century Theater	7 PM
8	LeMars, IA	Browns Century Theater	1:30 PM
20	Washington, IL	Evangelical United Methodist Church	7 PM
28	LeMars, IA	Browns Century Theater	7 PM
29	LeMars, IA	Browns Century Theater	1:30 PM

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April			
1	Sharples, WV	Monclo Freewill Baptist Church	7 PM
2	Oceana, WC	Oceana Freewill Baptist Church	11 AM
2	Naoma, WV	Cool Ridge Freewill Baptist Church	6 PM
5	Commerce, GA	Tent Meeting	7 PM
7	Bristol, TN	Creekside House of Prayer	6 PM
8	Fort Blackmore, VA	Harvest Time Worship Center	7 PM
9	Johnson City, TN	Princeton Freewill Baptist Church	10 AM
9	Duffield, VA	Purchase Ridge Community Church	6 PM
10-11	Albany, KY	Tent Meeting	6 PM
13-14	York, SC	Victory Freewill Baptist Church	6 PM
15	Sylva, NC	Skyland Nursing Home	2 PM
16	Bryson City, NC	Mount Vernon Freewill Baptist Church	10 AM
16	Dillsboro, NC	Locust Field Baptist Church	6 PM
20	Elizabethton, TN	Hillview Health And Rehab	2 PM
21	Commerce, GA	Rogers Baptist Church	2 & 6 PM
22	Commerce, GA	Rogers Baptist Church	10 AM, 2 & 6 PM
23	Statham, GA	New Life Worship Center	10:30 AM
23	Buford, GA	Antioch Baptist Church	5 PM
28	Pfafftown, NC	Middle Cross Baptist Church	7 PM
29	King, NC	Meet Me On Main Festival-Slate Funeral Home	4:30 PM
30	Pilot Mountain, NC	Friendly Chapel	11 AM
30	Dobson, NC	Liberty Baptist Church	6 PM
May			
5	Trinity, NC	Community Baptist Church	7 PM
6	Lincolnton, NC	Gastonia Highway Holiness Church	6 PM
7	Cherryville, NC	Shady Grove Baptist Church	11 AM
7	Gaffney, SC	Pacolet Road Baptist Church	6 PM

CAROLINA THE BAND www.carolinatheband.com

April			
8	Cullman, AL	Stone Bridge Farms	5:30 PM
15	Saraland, AL	Assembly of God	6 PM
23	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center - Singing in the Sun	6 PM

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April			
5	Alexander City, AL	New Providence Baptist Church	7 PM
6	Andalusia, AL	Carolina Baptist Church	6:30 PM
7	Tallahassee, FL	Lighthouse Children's Home	7:30 PM
20	Lacing, TN	Pilot Missionary Baptist Church	7 PM
22	Prestonburg, KY	Mountain Arts Center	6:45 PM

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April			
2	Atlanta, GA	First Baptist Church	8:45 & 10:30 AM
18	Gillette, WY	New Life Wesleyan Church	7 PM
19	Bismark, ND	Belle Mehus Auditorium	7 PM
20	Mitchell, SD	Mitchell High School Performing Arts Center	7 PM
21	Aimes, IA	Ames City Auditorium	7 PM
22	Green Bay, WI	Green Bay West High School	6 PM
25	Meadowbrook, WV	Jewel City Church	7 PM
26	Greensburg, PA	The Palace Theatre	7 PM
27	Shippensburg, PA	Luhrs Center	7 PM
28	Canton, OH	Canton Palace Theatre	7 PM
29	Ft. Wayne, IN	Rhinehart Music Center	6 PM

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April			
1	Austinville, VA	Flatwoods Church of God	6 PM
15	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Foley, AL	New Life in Christ	6 PM
26	Branson, MO	Branson Hillside Theater	10 AM
28	Branson, MO	Branson Hillside Theater	10 AM
May			
6	Boles, AR	Boles Freewill Baptist Church	4 PM

ADAM CRABB www.adamcrabb.com

April			
9	Tyler, TX	First Assembly of God	10 AM

DIXIE ECHOES www.dixieechoes.com

April			
1	Gibsonton, FL	First Baptist Church of Gibsonton	6 PM
2	Big Cypress, FL	New Testament Baptist	11 AM
8	Nicholson, GA	New Hope Baptist	6 PM
9	Plainville, GA	Church of God of Prophecy	10 AM
13	Laurel, MS	SE Gospel Fest/First Baptist of Laurel	6 PM
14	Enterprise, MS	Riverside Baptist Church	7 PM
16	Biloxi, MS	Heritage Baptist	6 PM
21	Pineland, TX	Bethel Chapel Missionary Baptist	7 PM
22	Fort Worth, TX	First Baptist Church	7 PM
23	Leesville, LA	Oak Forest Baptist	7 PM

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April			
16	New Paris, PA	Faith Brethren Bible Church	10 AM

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1	Charleston, WV	Charleston Mountain Mission	6 PM
2	Madison, NC	Ellisboro Baptist Church	6 PM
13	Reynoldsburg, OH	East Columbus Community Church	7 PM
14	Bowling Green, KY	Rich Pond Baptist Church	7 PM
16	Saluda, SC	Good Hope Baptist Church	10 AM
16	Jackson, SC	First Baptist Church	6 PM
21-23	Reidsville, NC	Covington Memorial Wesleyan	7 PM
25	Bird In Hand, PA	Amish Country Bus Tour	
28	New Holland. PA	Yoder's Restaurant	7 PM

May

6	Bossier City, LA	Airline Baptist Church	5:30 PM
7	DeKalb, TX	Malta Baptist Church	11 AM

ERNIE HAASE & SIGNATURE SOUND
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April

1	Spring, TX	Spring Baptist Church	4 PM
17	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	7 PM
21	Lima, OH	Lima Civic Center	7 PM
22	Parkersburg, WV	New Hope Baptist Church	6 PM
23	Newburgh, IN	Living Word Christian Church	6 PM

ERWINS
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April

1	Salado, TX	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	1 PM
2	Houston, TX	Greenwood Village Baptist Church	11 AM & 2 PM
3-5	Houston, TX	Greenwood Village Baptist Church	6:30 PM
8	Cameron, TX	Marlow Baptist Church	6 PM
9	Cameron, TX	Marlow Baptist Church	10 AM
16	San Angelo, TX	Calvary Baptist Church	10:30 AM & 6 PM
17-20	San Angelo, TX	Calvary Baptist Church	7 PM
21	VanBuren, AR	First Baptist Church of VanBuren	7 PM
23	Glenn Heights, TX	Bear Creek Baptist Church	10:30 AM
23	Fort Worth, TX	Travis Avenue Baptist Church	6 PM
25-26	Kemp, TX	First Baptist Church of Kemp	7 PM
29	Temple, TX	Taylor's Valley Baptist Church	3 PM
30	Chandler, TX	First Assembly of God	10:30 AM
30	Bullard, TX	First Baptist Bullard	6 PM

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April

13	Orlando, FL	Church at the Cross	10 AM
16	West Palm Beach, FL	Horizon Baptist Church	8:30 & 10:45 AM
23	Concord, NC	Victory Temple	10 AM

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April

2	Walnut Cove, NC	New Hope Baptist Church	11 AM
16	Saginaw, MI	Beacon of Hope	10 AM
23	Ooltwah, TN	Ooltewah Church of God	11 AM
23	Harrison, TN	Parkway Baptist Church	6 PM
30	Groveland, FL	Bay Lake Missionary Baptist Church	6 PM

DUANE GARREN-(EMCEE)
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April

14	Stoutland, MO	High School Gym - A Jones Family Music Party	7 PM
15	Steelville, MO	Meramec Music Theatre - Mark Trammell Quartet	6 PM

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April

2	Jasper, IN	Trinity United Church of Christ	6:30 PM
5	Vincennes, IN	Colonial Living	5:30 PM
16	Robinson, IL	Bible Chapel	3 PM
23	Lawrenceville, IL	First United Methodist	6 PM
30	Vincennes, IN	Wabash Community Church	10:30 AM

GOLD CITY QUARTET
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April

1	Ashland, KY	Paramount Arts Theater	6 PM
2	Dalton, GA	Carolyn Baptist Church	6 PM
6	Springfield, MO	First Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Abbottstown, PA	Calvary Christian Center	7 PM
16	Laurinburg, NC	New Hope Baptist Church	6 PM
20	Fredericktown, MO	Calvary Church	7 PM
21	Van Buren, AR	First Baptist Church	7 PM
23	Carthage, MO	Bethany Baptist Church	6 PM

GREATER VISION
www.greatervisionmusic.com

April

1	Bristow, OK	Freeland Center	6:30 PM
13	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
15	Vidor, TX	Eastgate Pentecostal Church	6 PM
20	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
21	Grove City, OH	First Baptist of Grove City	7 PM
22	Grandville, MI	Grandville Bible Church	6 PM
23	Greensburg, IN	First Baptist Church	6 PM
27	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
28	Lexington, NC	Central Baptist Church	7 PM

May

1	Green Valley, AZ	Evangelical Free Church - Green Valley	6 PM
2	Santee, CA	Faith Bible Fellowship Church	7 PM
3	Yuba City, CA	Crossroads Community Church	7 PM
4-6	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM

GUARDIANS
www.guardiansquartet.com

April

13	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
21	Matthews, IN	Epworth United Methodist Church	7 PM
22	Elkview, WV	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	6 PM
23	VanWert, OH	Trinity Friends Church	6:30 PM
28	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM

May

3	Ft. Atlkinson, WI	Fireside Theatre	1 PM
4	Petersburg, MI	Literal Life Church	7 PM
6	Vinton, VA	Vinton Wesleyan Church	6 PM

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THE GUARDIANS
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JOSEPH HABEDANK www.josephhabedank.com

April			
1	Thorsby, AL	Cedar Grove Church	6PM
2	Lynn Haven, FL	Central Pentecostal Ministries	6:30 PM
13	Summerton, SC	Clarendon County Tent Crusade	7 PM
14	Burlington, NC	Stanley Memorial Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Hildebran, NC	Central Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Lancaster, SC	Antioch Baptist Church	6 PM
29	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	2 PM
30	Evans, GA	Grace Baptist Church	6 PM
May			
3	Ceres, CA	Valley Christian Center	7 PM
4-5	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM

HIGH ROAD www.highroadmusic.com

April			
1	Bartlett, TN	Bartlett Performing Arts & Conf. Ctr	7:30 PM

HOPPERS www.thehoppers.com

April			
1	Wellford, SC	Little Mountain Baptist Church	6 PM
2	Lewisburg, PA	Cornerstone Christian Church	7 PM
14	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
15	Monroe, NC	Grace Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Dunn, NC	Stoney Run PFWB Church	10:30 AM
22	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Center	6 PM
23	Savannah, TN	People's Tabernacle	6 PM
25	Branson, MO	Welk Resort Theatre	10 AM
27	Branson, MO	Welk Resort Theatre	10 AM
28	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
29	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	2 PM

HYSSONGS www.thehyssongs.com

April			
1	Shreveport, LA	Shreveport Community Church	5 PM
7	Waterville, ME	Kennebec Valley Baptist Church	7 PM
9	Waterville, ME	Kennebec Valley Baptist Church	11 AM
14	Port Crane, NY	First Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Lebanon, ME	North Berwick Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Scarborough, ME	Scarborough Free Baptist Church	9:30 AM
21	Moncure, NC	Chatham United Methodist Church	6 PM
22	Reidsville, NC	Covington Memorial Wesleyan Church	7 PM
25-29		Amish trip to Lancaster County	

INSPIRATIONS www.theinspirationsquartet.com

April			
1	Ashland, KY	Paramount Arts Center	6:30 PM
13	Mt. Airy, NC	Temple Baptist Church	7 PM
14	Guntersville, AL	First Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
26	Ranburne, AL	Union Hill Baptist	6 PM
21	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6:30 PM
22	Elmwood, TN	New Salem Missionary Baptist Church	7 PM
25	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
28	Box Springs, GA	New Life Baptist Church	7 PM

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May			
4	Jasper, GA	Shiloh Baptist Church	7 PM
5	Iva, SC	First Baptist Church	7 PM
6	Greenville, SC	Trust Missionary Baptist Church	6 PM

JEFF & SHERI EASTER www.jeffandsherieaster.com

April			
1	Charleston, WV	Charleston Mountain Mission	6 PM
2	Anderson, SC	Asaville Baptist Church	6 PM
7	Lebanon, MO	Cowan Civic Center	7 PM
8	Willow Springs, MO	First General Baptist Church	6 PM
9	Cole Camp, MO	Abundant Life Christian Center	6 PM
14	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church - Southeastern Gospel Fest	6 PM
15	Fayetteville, AR	Fellowship Fayetteville	6 PM
21	Reidsville, NC	Covington Memorial Wesleyan	7 PM
22	Mt. Airy, NC	Andy Griffit Playhouse	4 PM
23	Elizabethton, TN	Zion Baptist Church	6 PM
27	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
May			
6	Ft. Payne, AL	Pickin Post	6 PM
7	Hiram, GA	First Baptist Church of Hiram	11 AM

JIM & MELISSA BRADY www.jimandmelissabrady.com

April			
1	Bristow, OK	Freeland Center	6:30 PM
20	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM

DENNIS JOLLY www.dennisjollyministries.com

April			
2	Cedar Mills, OH	Cedar Mills Christian Community Church	11:15 AM
9	Sardinia, OH	Old 32 Chapel	10:30 AM
14	Wheelersburg, OH	Living With A Cause Theater	7 PM
28-29	Cambridge, OH	Salt Fork Lodge	6 PM

KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER www.karenpeckandnewriver.com

April			
1	Albemarle, NC	Stanly Agri-Civic Center	6 PM
14	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Falcon, MO	Family of Faith Church	10 AM
18	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
22	Shipshewana, IN	Bluegate Garden Inn	10 AM
23	Piketon, OH	Life Change Church	10:30 AM
26	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
28	Charleston, WV	Charleston Municipal Auditorium	7 PM
29	Scottsboro, AL	Hytop Park	4 PM
May			
6	Canton, GA	New Hope Baptist Church	6 PM
7	Lancaster, SC	Pleasant Dale Baptist Church	10 AM

KINGSMEN QUARTET www.kingsmenquartet.com

April			
1	Albemarle, NC	Stanly Agri-Civic Center	6 PM
7	DeQuincy, LA	Louisiana Railroad Days Festival	5:45 PM
14	Fountain Inn, SC	Younts Center for Performing Arts	7 PM
15	Monroe, NC	Grace Baptist	6 PM

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23	Newburg, PA	Mowersville Brethren in Christ Church	10 AM
28	Rock Springs, GA	Community Baptist Church	7 PM
29	Moundville, AL	Moundville, Baptist Church	6 PM

May

6	Oxford, FL	First Baptist Oxford	6 PM
7	Jacksonville, FL	West Park Baptist	6 PM

KRAMERS

www.thekramersmusic.com

April

1	Sun City West, AZ	New Hope Fellowship Church	4 PM
2	Mesa, AZ	Sunland Springs Village Auditorium	6 PM
4	Indian Wells, CA	Southwest Church	6 PM
7	Gridley, CA	First Baptist Church	6 PM
8	Modesto, CA	Richland Faith Assembly of God	6 PM
23	Creve Coeur, IL	Christ Bible Church	10:30 AM
29	Sturgis, MI	Sturgis Church of the Nazarene	5 PM

LEGACY FIVE

www.legacyfive.com

April

1	Spring, TX	Spring Baptist Church	4 PM
15	Russellville, AR	Victory Missionary Baptist Church	6 PM
20	Hartville, OH	Hartville Kitchen	7 PM
21	Lima, OH	Lima Civic Center	7 PM
22	Belleville, MI	Bethany Bible Church	6 PM
24	Branson, MO	Welk Resort Center	7 PM
27	Branson, MO	Welk Resort Center	7 PM

May

5-6	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM

LIBERTY QUARTET

www.libertyquartet.com

April

2	Denton, TX	Willowwoodo Church of the Nazarene	6 PM
14	Independence, KS	Independence First Church of the Nazarene	7 PM
16	Ozark, MO	Hopedale Baptist Church	6 PM
29	Escalon,. CA	First Baptist Church	6 PM
30	Vacaville, CA	Trinity Baptist Church	9 AM & 10:30 AM
30	Chico, CA	Butte Bible Fellowship	6 PM

TIM LOVELACE

www.timlovelace.com

April

22	Branson, MO	Branson Hillside Theater	7 PM
25	Gatlinburg, TN	Gatlinburg Convention Center - Invitation Only	7 PM
27	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	9 AM

MARK LOWRY

www.marklowry.com

April

14	Greenville, TN	Niswonger Performing Arts Center	7:30 PM

MARK TRAMMELL QUARTET

www.marktrammelministries.com

April

1	Aiken, SC	Mercy Church	5 PM
2	Lewisville, NC	Lewisville, Baptist	6 PM
6	Prosper, TX	Prestonwood North Campus	11 AM
7	Mesquite, TX	Inspiration Church	7:30 PM
9	Sherman, TX	Grayson Bible Baptist	9:30 & 10:30 AM
13	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
15	Steelville, MO	Meramec Music Theatre	6 PM
20	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
22	Rainelle, WV	Sewell Valley Baptist Church	7 PM
25	St. Simons Island, GA	Epworth-By-The-Sea	7 PM
29	Ware Shoals, SC	t. Gallagher Baptist	7 PM
30	Folkston, GA	Camp Pinkney Baptist	10:45 AM & 6 PM

May

4	Greensboro, NC	Koury Convention Center	6 PM
6	North Myrtle Beach, SC	OD Church of the Lost and Found	6 PM
7	Adrian, GA	Johnson Chapel	10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

MARTINS

www.martinsonline.com

April

30	Paducah, KY	The Carson Center	4 PM

MATTHEWS FAMILY

www.matthewsfamilyministries.com

April

2	Corinth, MS	Wheeler Grove Baptist Church	6 PM
3-5	Lambert, MS	Faith Baptist Church	7 PM
16	Greensboro, NC	Shining Light Baptist Church	10 AM & 6 PM
17-19	Henderson, NC	Victory Baptist Church	7 PM
22	Warrenton, NC	Sulphur Springs Baptist Church	6 PM
23	Clayton, NC	Fellowship Baptist Church	10:30 AM & 6 PM
24-25	Clayton, NC	Fellowship Baptist Church	7 PM
28	Shelby, NC	Crossroads Rescue Mission Jubilee	7 PM
30	Graham, NC	Community Baptist Church	10 AM
30	Burlington, NC	New Hope Baptist Church	6 PM

MILLERS

www.millermusicgroup.org

April

2	Federalsburg, MD	Park Lane Church of God	9:30 AM
2	Laurel, DE	Centenary United Methodist	6 PM
15	New Bethlehem, PA	Springside Baptist	6 PM
16	Berkeley Springs, WV	New Vision Baptist	10 AM
16	Berkeley Springs, WV	Wesleyan Chapel	5 PM
29	Winchester, VA	Calvary Covenant Brethren	7 PM

IVAN PARKER

www.ivanparker.com

April

1	Hampton, SC	Sandy Run Baptist Church	6 PM
2	Early Branch, SC	Pine Level Baptist Church	11 AM
15	Monroe, NC	Grace Baptist Church	6 PM
21	Van Buren, AR	First Baptist Church	7 PM
22	Columbia, MO	Prairie Grove Baptist Church	3 PM

May

7	Benwick, PA	Benwick Bible Church	6 PM

PERRYS

www.perrysministries.com

April

1	Aiken, SC	Mercy Church	5 PM
14	Bonifay, FL	Mt. Zion Independent Baptist	7 PM
15	Perkinston. MS	Ten Mile Baptist	6 PM
22	Altoona, AL	Back Road Park and Event Center	Noon
27	Lawrenceburg, KY	Sand Spring Baptist	7 PM
29	La Grange, KY	La Grange Heights Baptist Church	7 PM
30	Princeton, KY	Eddy Creek Baptist Church	1 PM

May

7	Sycamore, GA	Bethel Baptist Church	10 AM

POET VOICES

https://poetvoices.net

April

1	Bluffton, OH	Bluffton University	6 PM
30	TyTy, GA	First Baptist Church	10:30 AM
30	Sycamore, GA	Bethel Baptist Church	6 PM

PRIMITIVE QUARTET

www.primitivequartet.com

April

1	Ashland, KY	Paramount Arts Center	6 PM
7	Winchester, OH	Willows Event Center	7 PM
8	Elizabethton, TN	Pleasant Beech Baptist	6 PM
10	Mt. Airy, NC	Temple Baptist	7 PM
15	Wytheville, VA	George Wythe High School	7 PM
21	Pigeon Forge, TN	The LeConte Center	6 PM
22	Prestonburg, KY	Mountain Arts Center	6:45 PM
26	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM

ANGELA PRIMM

www.angelaprimm.com

April

27	Gatlinburg, TN	Gatlinburg Convention Cemnter - Invitation only	9 AM

SONS OF LIBERTY

www.sonsoflibertyonline.com

April

16	Shelby, OH	Taylortown Community Church	10:30 AM
16	Delaware, OH	East Side Mission	6 PM
22	Ramsey, IN	Unity Chapel	6 PM
23	New Albany, IN	Hour of Power	10:30 AM
30	Corbin, KY	Sinking Valley Baptist	10:30 AM
30	Hinkle, KY	Dripping Springs Baptist	6 PM

SOUL'D OUT

www.souldoutquartet.com

April

2	Morton, IL	Eastside Bible Church	10 AM
2	Alton, IL	The River Church	6 PM
15	Massilon, OH	Liberty Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Bucyrus, OH	Bucyrus UMC	10 AM
28-29	Frankfort, KY	Revival - TBA	6 PM
30	Frankfort, KY	Revival	10 AM

SOUNDSTREET

www.soundstreetonline.com

April

6-7	Sapulpa, OK	Westside Freewill Baptist	7 PM
22	Stanley, NC	The Vineyard Church	6 PM
23	Hayesville, NC	First Freewill Baptist Church	11 AM
23	Spartanburg, SC	Turning Point Freewill Baptist Church	6 PM
26	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	3:30 PM

SOUTHBOUND

www.southbound.live

April

2	Mobile, AL	Oak Park Church	10 AM
21	Pineville, LA	Louisiana Christian University - Gwinn Auditorium	7 PM
22	Daisatta, TX	The Back Yard	5 PM
23	LaFayette, LA	The Family Church - 50th Anniversary	6 PM
25	Maryville, TN	New Harvest Church	7 PM
26	Gatlinburg, TN	Gatlinburg Convention Center - Invitation Only	7 PM
27	Charlotte, NC	The Praising Place	7 PM

LAUREN TALLEY

www.laurentalley.com

April

21	Jackson, TN	Victory Worship Center	7 PM
24	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM

TODD TILGHMAN

www.toddtofficial.com

April

1-5	Felton, CA	Mt. Herman Conference Center	
7	Quitman, MS	Quitman High School Auditorium	6 PM
9	Olive Branch, MS	Labelle Haven Baptist Church	10:30 AM
18	Lebanon, TN	Capitol Theater	7 PM
22	Jennings, LA	Strand Theater	7 PM
27	Gatlinburg, TN	Gatlinburg Convention Center - Invitation Only	9 AM
30	Macon, GA	Rock Springs Church	8, 9:30 & 11 AM

May

6	Pearl, MS	Trustmark Park	11 AM
6	Raleigh, MS	Raleigh Festival	7 PM

THE OLD PATHS

www.theoldpathsonline.com

April

2	Spartanburg, IN	Spartanburg Christian Church	6:30 PM
7	Daytona Beach, FL	Westside Baptist Church	7 PM
8	Winter Haven, FL	Westwood Missionary Baptist Church	6 PM
9	Guyton, GA	Countryside Baptist Church	10 AM
13	Iron City, TN	Burns Chapel Church	7 PM
15	Russellville, AR	Victory Missionary Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Benton, KY	Zion's Cause Baptist Church	6 PM
23	Hope, AR	Bethany Baptist Church	10:30 AM
28	Wildwood, FL	Village of Faith	6 PM
29	Odom, GA	Friendship Baptist Church	6 PM
30	Sanderson, FL	Taylor Church	10 AM

May

5	Decatur, IL	Salem Baptist Church	7 PM
7	Andalusia, AL	Adellum Baptist Church	10 AM

THE SOUND

www.thesound.org

April

1	Bristow, OK	Freeland Center	6:30 PM
13	Terre Haute, IN	Temple United Methodist Church	7 PM
16	Davison, MI	Trinity Lutheran	10 AM
21	Cumberland, MD	Calvary Baptist Church - Unite Music Festival	7 PM
22	Midlothian, VA	Bethel Baptist	6 PM
25	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
29	Jacksonville, FL	West Park Baptist	6 PM
30	Morriston, FL	Morriston Baptist Church	8:30 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

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May

5	Nashville, AR	Ridgeway Baptist Church	7 PM
6	Springdale, AR	Mercy and Grace Cathedral	6 PM

TRIBUTE QUARTET

www.tributequartet.com

April

1	Smithville, TN	The Mike Foster Multi-Purpose Center	7 PM
2	Scottsburg, IN	Vienna Baptist Church	10 AM
6	Springfield. MO	First Baptist Church	7 PM
9	Marysville, OH	Bible Baptist Church	8:15 & 10:30 AM
14	Byhalia, MS	Fellowship Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Laurel, MS	First Baptist Church	6 PM
16	Athens, AL	Berea Baptist Church	6 PM
21	Gilbertown, AL	Lusk Baptist Church	7 PM
22	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
23	Pell City, AL	Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church	6 PM
28	Britton, MI	Ridgeway Church of the Nazarene	7 PM
30	Nashville, MI	Nashville Baptist Church	11 AM

May

4-6	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM
7	Sacramento, CA	Real Life Church	6 PM

TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

www.triumphantquartet.com

April

1	Bristow, OK	Freeland Center	6:30 PM
13	Bristol, TN	Avoca Christian Church	7 PM
14	Lawrenceburg, IN	Zion Church	7 PM
15	Walnut Creek, OH	DerDutchman Restaurant	10 AM & 6:30 PM
20	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
21	South Boston, VA	Chastain Theatre-The Prizery Arts Center	7:30 PM
22	Cheraw, SC	Forest Pine Gospel Music Park	5 PM
25	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
29	Clarksville, AR	Clarksville Fine Arts Building	6 PM
30	Paducah, KY	The Carson Center	4 PM

May

4-6	Visalia, CA	Visalia Convention Center	6 PM
7	Elk Grove, CA	The Center - District 56	3 PM

TROY BURNS FAMILY

www.troyburnsfamily.com

April

14	Plain City, OH	DerDutchman Restaurant	7 PM
16	Rock Hollow, TN	Mixie Missionary Baptist	10 AM
20	Ranburne, AL	Union Hill Baptist w/The Inspirations	6 PM
22	Spartanburg, SC	Fairview Baptist	5 PM
28	Myrtle Beach, SC	Singing in the Sun	
30	Kernersville, NC	Welcome Door Baptist	6 PM

BILLY WALKER

www.billywalkerjr.com

April

2	Vidalia, GA	Blockers Chapel	6 PM
8	Somerville, AL	United Christian Church of God	6 PM
9	Danville, AL	Harmony Grove Church	10:30 AM
13	St. Petersburg, FL	Northside Baptist Church	9:30 AM
16	St. Petersburg, FL	Family Fellowship Church	10:30 AM
21	Umatila, FL	Life Changing Church of God	7 PM
23	Daytona Beach, FL	New Life Worship Center	10:30 AM
25	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	4 PM

WHISNANTS

www.whisnants.com

April

1	Aiken, SC	Mercy Church	5 PM
2	Bradenton, FL	Happy Gospel Center	6 PM
14	Mt. Airy, NC	Temple Baptist Church	7 PM
15	Salisbury, NC	Friendship Baptist Church	6 PM
20	Pigeon Forge, TN	LeConte Convention Center	6 PM
22	New Milford, PA	South New Milford Baptist	7 PM
27	Myrtle Beach, SC	Myrtle Beach Convention Center	6 PM
30	Myrtle Beach, SC	First Freewill Baptist	11 AM

May

6	Gilbert, SC	Midland Gospel Singing Center	6 PM

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ARKANSAS

BRUCE PARK MINISTRIES PRESENTS
"FEED THE HUNGRY CONCERT"
Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7 PM
(Doors open at 6 PM - early entry at 5:45 PM)
First Baptist Church - Van Buren, AR
(945 Main St)
TALENT: Gold City Qt, The Erwins, & Ivan Parker
Tickets: $25 Back Section, $30 Front Section, $40 Early Entry
General Admission Group of 10 or more will get 2 additional tickets for free!
For tickets, call (479) 883-8131 or online at bpmpresents.com

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JOHNSON COUNTY GOSPEL FESTIVAL PRESENTS
"AN EVENING WITH TRIUMPHANT QUARTET"
Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 6 PM
Clarksville Fine Arts Building - Clarksville, AR
(1703 W. Clark Rd)
For Tickets visit www.brushfire.com or Call (479) 236-0139

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OZARK MOUNTAIN GOSPEL FEST AT BEACON PARK
Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7 PM
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 2 PM
Beacon Park - Harrison, AR
(5 miles North on Hwy 65)
TALENT: Friday - Jeff & Sheri Easter
Saturday - The Browders
Free Concert - love offering will be received.

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44TH ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE MESSENGERS
GOSPEL FEST AT BEACON PARK
Wednesday thru Saturday
June 21-June 24, 2023 at 7 PM nightly
Beacon Park - Harrison, AR
(5 miles North on Hwy 65)
TALENT: Wed. - Inspirations, McKamey Legacy,
Troy Burns Family.
Thu. - Karen Peck & New River, Tribute Qt.
Fri - Mylon Hayes Family, Whisnants.
Sat. - Triumphant Qt, Mark Mathes Family.
Concerts are FREE - love offering will be received.
For more information and camping reservations call (870) 743-5954

DELAWARE

DELMARVA GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
THE DETTY SISTERS AND THE LORE FAMILY
Friday, April 28, 2023 at 6 PM
Greenwood Mennonite School - Greenwood, DE
(12802 Mennonite Rd.)
Doors open at 5 PM
For concert information call (302) 448-0149 or
visit www.delmarvagospel.com

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DELMARVA GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
GUY PENROD
Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6 PM
Crossroads Community Church - Georgetown, DE
(20684 State Forest Rd.)
Dinner 6:00 PM / Concert 7 PM
Dinner and Concert $50 per person
Online tickets www.delmarvagospel.com or call (302) 448-0149

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FLORIDA

BILL BAILEY & HAPPY GOSPEL PRESENTS ...
SUNDAY NIGHT WINTER CONCERT SERIES
Happy Gospel Church - Bradenton, FL
(1915 53rd Ave. East / Hwy 70)
March 5 - Down East Boys - March 12 - The Inspirations
March 19 - Brian Free & Assurance
March 24-26 Donnie Swaggart
March 26 - Troy Burns Family - April 2 - The Whisnants
TICKETS: No tickets required! A love offering will be received. Pastor Bill Bailey ministers
Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm
For more information, call (941) 756-6942 or http://www.happygospelchurch.com

GEORGIA

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Sunday, April 2 at 8:45 & 10:30 AM
First Baptist Church Atlanta - Atlanta, GA
(4400 N. Peachtree Rd.)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
No Tickets Required. For Info., contact Matthew Slemp at (770) 234-8300

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KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER - HOMECOMING
VOTED #1 OUTDOOR CONCERT!
Thur, Fri, Sat. June 8-10
New River Park - Dahlonega, GA
(236 Gooch Rd.)
TALENT: Thu. 7 PM - Karen Peck & New River,
Triumphant Qt., Vaughn Family and Ray Flynn
Fri. 7 PM - Brian Free & Assurance, The Sound,
Karen Peck & New River and CT Townsend
Sat. 6 PM - Inspirations, Karen Peck & New River, Chitans
and CT Townsend
Tickets: Online, by phone or at the gate. $20 per night or $50 for three-night discount pass.
rayflynnministries.com * karenpexckandnewriver.com * 1-888-238-6858

INDIANA

GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR
Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7 PM
Old National Events Plaza - Evansville, IN
(715 Locust St)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

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THE GOSPEL BARN OF BLUFFTON
Saturday, April 29 at 6 PM
Wednesday, May 3 at 6 PM
Saturday, June 24 at 6 PM
The Gospel Barn - Bluffton, IN
(429 E. Dustman Rd.)
TALENT: April 29 - Blackwood Brothers
$10 at the door, plus an offering.
May 3 - Booth Brothers
All seats reserved $35 and $30 in advance.

June 24 - Jeff & Sheri Easter
$15 at the door, plus an offering.
Doors open one hour prior to the concert time.
Order tickets online at www.thegospelbarnofbluffton.com OR call (651) 269-2120

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THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Saturday, April 29 at 7 PM
Rhinehart Music Center - Ft. Wayne, IN
(2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com
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IOWA

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Friday, April 21 at 7 PM
Ames City Auditorium - Ames, IA
(520 6th Street)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com

KENTUCKY

PAUL BELCHER PRESENTS
PRIMITIVE QUARTET FAREWELL TOUR
Paramount Arts Center - Ashland, KY
(1300 Winchester Ave.)
Saturday April 1, 2023 at 6 PM
Primitive Quartet, The Inspirations, Gold City
Reserved Seating: $25 Main Floor & Lower Balcony, $20 Upper Balcony, Doors Open at 5 PM
Tickets: paramountartscenter.com or call 606-324-0007 or paulbelcherconcerts.com

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GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR
Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7 PM
Paramount Arts Center - Ashland, KY
(1300 Winchester Ave)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

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ABRAHAM PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS AT THE ARK ENCOUNTER
Tuesday, August 1 - Saturday, September 9, 2023
Ark Encounter - Williamstown, KY
(1 Ark Encounter Drive)
Talent: 11th Hour, 3 Heath Brothers, Allen Family, Angela Primm, Authentic Unlimited, Avenue, Booth Brothers, Brian Free & Assurance, Cain, Carolina The Band, Chitans, Chosen Road, Cochren & Co, Down East Boys, Emily Ann Roberts, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Erwins, Gold City, Gordon Mote, Guardians, Guy Penrod, Heart2Heart, High Road, Hoppers, Inspirations, Isaacs, Jackson Heights, Jason Crabb, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Jimmy Fortune, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Jonathan Wilburn, Jordan Family Band, Joseph Habedank, Josh & Ashley Franks, Justin Cole, Karen Peck & New River, Kingsmen, Lauren Talley, Martins, McKamey Legacy, McNeills, Michael Combs, Mo Pitney, Natalie Layne, Nathan Sheridan, Phillips & Banks, Renee, Ryan Watkins, Selah, Southbound, Southern Raised, The Old Paths, The Sound, Todd Tilghman, Triumphant, Vaughn Family and the Whisnants.
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For motel reservations, call (318) 428-2088.
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LOUISIANA

GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR
Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7 PM
Cypress Baptist Church - Shreveport/Benton, LA
(4701 Palmetto Road)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

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GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR
Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 6 PM
Calvary Baptist Church - Alexandria, LA
(5011 Jackson Street)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

MICHIGAN

SPRING SING
Sunday, April 16, 2023 @ 6 PM
House of Prayer - Haslett, MI
(9974 Old M-78)
TALENT: Chosen, Ed Thurston & The Thurstons
Free Admission - An offering will be received.
For information: (517) 204-6065 or info@thethurstonfamily.org

MISSISSIPPI

SOUTHEASTERN GOSPEL FEST
Presented by Southeastern Baptist College
April 13-15, 2023 at 6 PM nightly
First Baptist Church • Laurel, MS
(607 W. 5th Street)
TALENT: April 13 - Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt, Guardians, Dixie Echoes;
April 14 - Karen Peck & New River, John & Ashley Franks, Jeff & Sheri Easter, The Hoppers; April 15 - Inspirations, Bibletones, Michael Combs, Tribute Quartet
TICKETS: Available at the door $20/night or $50 for 3-day pass.
For tickets or more information, call 601-426-6346 or visit www.southeasternbaptist.edu

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8TH ANNUAL GOSPEL MUSIC GET-TOGETHER
"DUANE GARREN EMCEE & PROMOTER"
August 3-5, 2023
Cowan Civic Center - Lebanon, MO
(500 East Elm Street)
TALENT: Thu. - 10 AM - Gerald Wolfe's Hymn Sing
Thu. - 6 PM - Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt., Whisnants, Mylon Hayes Family.
Fri. - 10 AM - The Inspirations.
Fri. - 6 PM - Hoppers, Booth Brothers, Guardians, Gold City.
Sat. - 1 PM - Dennis Swanberg, Blackwood Brothers Qt., Chuck Wagon Gang, Endless Highway.
INFO/TICKETS: www.lebanonsing.com or Call (417) 236-9090

NORTH CAROLINA

2023 SINGING ON THE FARM
TWO DAYS OF GREAT SOUTHERN GOSPEL ON THE FARM!
Friday, June 2, 2023 from 4-9 PM
Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2 PM until?
The Farm - Claremont, NC
(1338 Balls Creek Rd.)
Event will be rain or shine (covered facility)
Bring a lawn chair! Plenty of Free parking!
High quality food trucks will be available around the farm.
TALENT: Fri. - Michael Combs, Jonathan Wilburn, Gold City, Karen Peck & New River.
Sat. - The Harvesters, Wilmington Celebration Choir, Lauren Talley, The Inspirations, Triumphant Qt. and CT Townsend.
TICKETS: $20 for Friday and $25 for Saturday, or combo for $40
Contact: Randy Sipe at (828) 312-5363 or
Regina Sipe at (828) 312-4402

NORTH DAKOTA

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Wednesday, April 19 at 7 PM
Belle Mehus Auditorium - Bismarck, ND
(201 N. 6th St.)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com

OHIO

2023 GOSPEL BREAKFAST & DINNER CONCERT SERIES
Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10 AM and 6 PM
Carlisle Inn Der Dutchman Restaurant - Walnut Creek, OH
(4949 Walnut Street)
TALENT: Triumphant Quartet
For Tickets: Contact Ester Miller (330) 852-3058

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GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR
Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7 PM
Canton Baptist Temple - Canton, OH
(515 Whipple Ave., NW)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

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JAMES LAWSON PRESENTS
"50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION"
Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Canton Palace Theatre - Canton, OH
(605 Market Ave. North)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family- Just Sing Tour
TICKETS: http://www.tickets.com/events/468756.html
For more information visit gmlconcerts.org or call (800) 965-9324

OKLAHOMA

SEMINOLE GOSPEL SING
June 14 thru June 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM each evening
Music Park - Seminole, OK
(12513 Hwy 99)
TALENT: Wed - Kingsmen, Butler Creek Boys, Gold City, The Carpitchers; Thu - Inspirations, Mark Trammell Qt, The Erwins, Made by Mercy; Fri - Jeff & Sheri Easter, Down East Boys, Redefined, The Whisnants; Sat - The McNeills, and an evening with The Isaacs
Tickets or Info: Call (405) 382-8351

PENNSYLVANIA

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM
The Palace Theatre - Greensburg, PA
(21 West Otterman St)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com

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THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Luhrs Center - Shippensburg, PA
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Thu. thru Sat., April 20-22, 2023
LeConte Center - Pigeon Forge, TN
(2986 Teaster Ln.)
TALENT: Thu. 6 PM - Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt., Triumphant Qt., Jim & Melissa Brady, Whisnants.
Fri. 6 PM - Booth Brothers, Inspirations, Kingdom Heirs, Primitives.
Sat. 2 PM - Hoppers, Tribute Qt., Mylon Hayes Family, Endless Highway.
For more information Call (800) 965-9324 or NQConline.com

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BILL BAILEY & JOSH FRANKS PRESENTS
"JACKSON SINGS THE GOSPEL"

Wednesday-Saturday. July 12-15, 2023
Carl Perkins Civic Center - Jackson, TN
(400 South Highland Ave - Downtown)
TALENT: Wed. 7 PM - Booth Brothers, Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt, Mylon Hayes Family;
Thu. 1 PM - Dixie Echoes, Chitans; Thu. 7 PM - Gold City, Karen Peck & New River, Brian Free & Assurance, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Guardians;
Fri. 1 PM - Spencer Family Reunion;
Fri . 7 PM - Triumphant Qt., Hoppers, Southbound, Down East Boys, Josh & Ashley Franks;
Sat. 1 PM - Jonathan Wilburn, Endless Highway;
Sat. 6 PM - Inspirations, Kingsmen, Perrys, Tribute Qt, Whisnants
TICKETS: Tickets go on sale Feb. 21st @ 9 am cst!

For more info on tickets or hotels, call (941) 756-6942 or go to http://www.billbaileyconcerts.com

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JAMES D. VAUGHAN QUARTET FESTIVAL
(BIRTHPLACE OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC)

Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29, 2023
Crockett Theater - downtown Lawrenceburg, TN
(203 N. Military Ave.)
TALENT: Wed, 26th (7 PM) - Mark Trammell Quartet, Mylon Hayes Family, Tribute Qt. Whisnants, Whisnant, Hayes, Conkle Quartet;
Thu, 27th (1 PM) - Dixie Echoes and Blackwood Brothers;
(7 PM) - Inspirations, Gold City, The Old Paths Qt and Karen Peck & New River;
Fri, 28th (1 PM) - Kellys Reunion, Josh & Ashley Franks;
(7 PM) - Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, The Hoppers, Guardians, Poet Voices;
Sat, 29th (2 PM) - Kingsmen Qt, Chuck Wagon Gang, Down East Boys, The Perrys, Bibletones.
The Kellys will perform each night.
Host & Emcee - Josh Franks
Doors open one hour before each concert.
Thursday and Friday 1:00 matinees are all "FREE ADMISSION" with a generous love offering received.
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For ticket or additional information call: (931) 762-4231 or visit www.lawrenceburgtn.gov

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SHADOW VALLEY GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday, July 6-8, 2023 at 6 PM
54 Warden Road (Off of Hwy 231 North) Fayetteville, TN
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July 7: Chuck Wagon Gang, Josh & Ashley Franks, Mark Trammell Quartet, Blackwood Brothers
July 8: The Inspirations, Guardians, Unity 4, Dixie Echoes
Tickets: $18/ea in Advance - $20/ea day of event at gate. Youth 18 and under FREE.
Tickets or Information: bradytile@hotmail.com 931-580-5956 or 931-433-5956

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MEMPHIS QUARTET SHOW

Wed-Sat., June 21-24, 2023
Matinees 1 PM, Evenings 6 PM
The Cannon Center - Memphis, TN
(255 N. Main Street)
TALENT: Wed.-Battle Of The Bands: Kingsmen, Poet Voices, Carolina The Band, Gold City, KingsGold.
Thu.-1 PM-Dixie Echoes Reunion & Bibletones.
6 PM-The Inspirations, Dove Brothers Reunion, Justified Qt., Triumphant Qt., Memphis All-Star Qt.
Fri.-1 PM-Second Half Qt.
6 PM-Mark Trammell Qt., Blackwood Qt., Master's Voice, Guardians, Tribute Qt.
Sat.-1 PM-Ernie Haase & Signature Sound
6 PM-Dixie Echoes, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Down East Boys, The Old Paths, Fairfield Four.
For Tickets or Information visit www.quartetshow.com or Call (901) 568-2389
For hotel reservations call: (901) 527-7300

TEXAS

GAITHER VOCAL BAND - GAITHER CONCERT TOUR

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7 PM
First Baptist Pasadena - Pasadena, TX
(7500 Fairmont Parkway)
TALENT: Gaither Vocal Band
For ticket info go to https://gaither.com/tour_dates/

WEST VIRGINIA

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7 PM
Jewel City Church - Meadowbrook, WV
(511 Jewel City Blvd.)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com
Tickets starting at $25. Group discount available and kids are free.
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SMITH FAMILY CONCERTS PRESENTS
A NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC
Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7 PM
(Doors open at 6 PM)
Charleston Municipal Aud. - Charleston, WV
(244 Virginia Street East)
TALENT: Jason Crabb with Karen Peck & New River, along with local artist Dustin Lambert
TICKETS: Reserved seating $35 Artist Circle, $25 Main Floor, $20 Balcony
By phone: (304)345-1500 or Ticketmaster.com (+ Tax/Fees)
For Questions: smithfamilyconcerts@gmail.com

WISCONSIN

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 6 PM
Green Bay West High School - Green Bay, WI
(966 Shawano Ave.)
TALENT: The Collingsworth Family
TICKETS: http://www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com
Tickets starting at $25. Group discount available and kids are free.

WYOMING

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY
JUST SING! 2023 CONCERT TOUR
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7 PM
New Life Wesleyan Church - Gillette, WY
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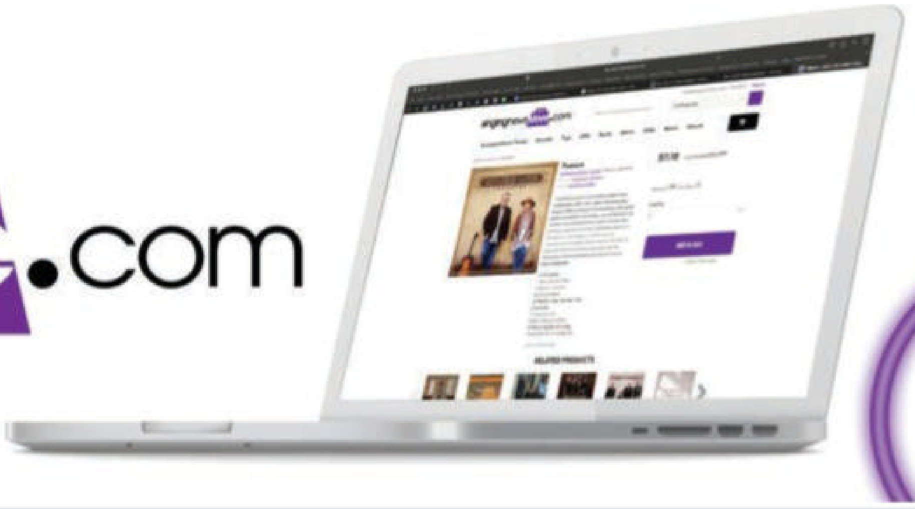

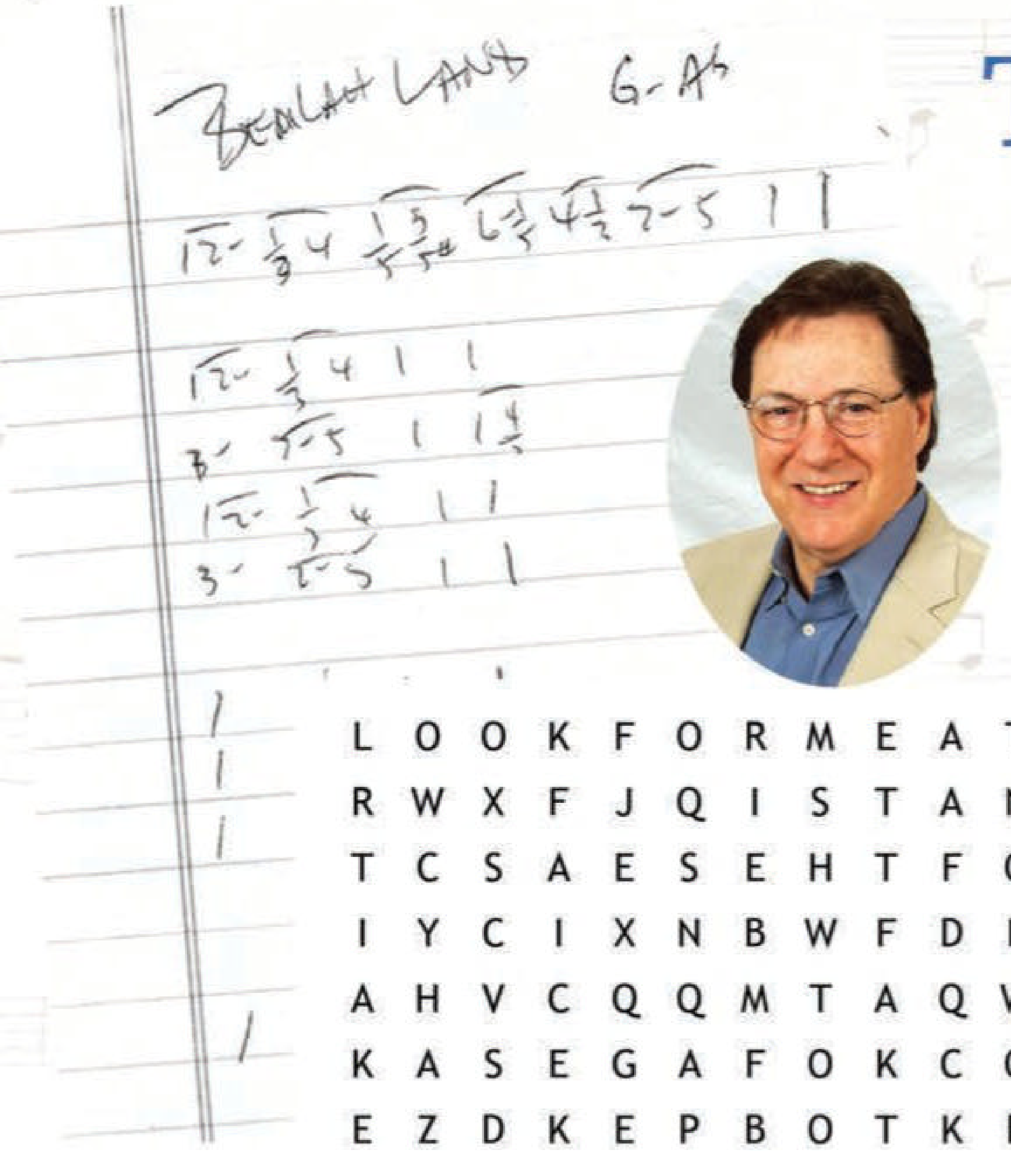

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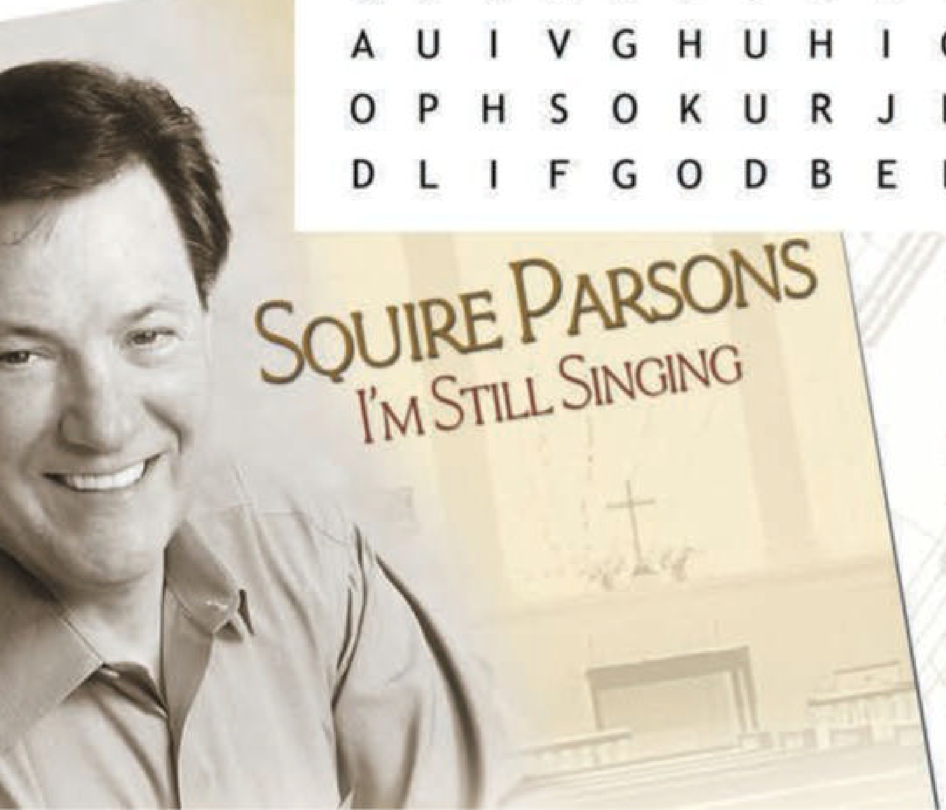

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Master Of The Sea
He Came To Me
I Sing Because
The Lovely Name Of Jesus
The Broken Rose
Hello Mama
I Call It Home
I Stand Amazed
I've Got A Reservation
If God Be For Us
He Made A Way
I Go To The Rock Of Ages
I'm Not Giving Up
Look For Me At Jesus' Feet

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Wed, Feb 22	Ocala, FL	Reilly Performing Arts Center
Thu, Feb 23	Largo, FL	Indian Rocks Baptist Church
Fri, Feb 24	Ft Myers, FL	First Assembly of God
Sat, Feb 25	Jupiter, FL	Jupiter Area HS Auditorium
Mon, Feb 27	Lake Placid, FL	Genesis Center
Tue, Feb 28	Winter Park, FL	Aloma Church
Thu, Mar 2	Hendersonville, TN	First Baptist Hendersonville
Fri, Mar 3	Marietta, GA	GraceLife Church of God
Sat, Mar 4	Orange Park, FL	First Baptist Church of Orange Park
Tue, Mar 14	Evansville, IN	Christian Fellowship Church
Wed, Mar 15	Lebanon, MO	Kenneth E Cowan Civic Center
Thu, Mar 16	Olive Branch, MS	Longview Heights Baptist Church
Fri, Mar 17	Texarkana, AR	Trinity Baptist Church
Sat, Mar 18	Branson, MO	Mansion Theater
Tue, Mar 21	Grove, OK	Grove Performing Arts Center
Thu, Mar 23	Midland, TX	Kelview Heights Baptist Church
Fri, Mar 24	Kingwood, TX	Second Baptist Church North Campus
Sat, Mar 25	Terrell, TX	Jamie Foxx Performing Arts Center
Sun, Mar 26	Lubbock, TX	Lubbock Christian University
Tue, Mar 28	Northport, AL	Northport Church of God
Wed, Mar 29	Thomasville, GA	Thomasville Municipal Auditorium
Thu, Mar 30	N Augusta, SC	Victory Baptist Church
Fri, Mar 31	Conover, NC	Tri-Cities Baptist Church
Sun, Apr 2	Atlanta, GA	First Baptist Atlanta
Tue, Apr 18	Gillette, WY	New Life Wesleyan Church
Wed, Apr 19	Bismarck, ND	The Belle Mehus Auditorium
Thu, Apr 20	Mitchell, SD	Mitchell Performing Arts Center
Fri, Apr 21	Algona, IA	Wilcox Performing Arts Center
Sat, Apr 22	Green Bay, WI	Green Bay West HS Auditorium
Tue, Apr 25	Meadowbrook, WV	Jewel City Church
Wed, Apr 26	Greensburg, PA	The Palace Theater
Thu, Apr 27	Shippensburg, PA	H Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center
Fri, Apr 28	Canton, OH	The Palace Theater
Sat, Apr 29	Ft Wayne, IN	Rhinehart Music Center

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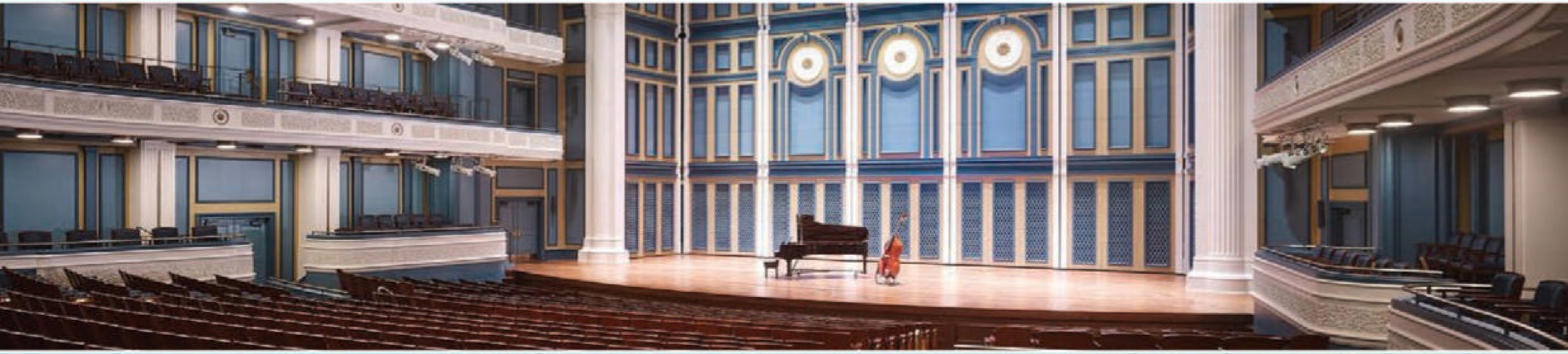

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